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2008 AuSable Marathon could break last year's record for most teams

The 2008 Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon – a 120-mile race from Grayling to Oscoda that will begin on Saturday night – could break last year's record for most competitors in the event's 61-year history.

After the event's final registration cutoff on Monday, July 21, 78 paddling teams were signed up for this year's AuSable River Canoe Marathon. Last year, 77 teams were registered for the 60th AuSable Marathon, and 75

of those teams ended up starting the race. The previous mark for most teams starting the event – 68 – was established in 2000.

Typically, a few teams will withdraw from the race during the time between the final registration cutoff and the start of the race, so the precise number of canoes – and whether or not that number will establish a new record – may not be known until Saturday.

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Triebold, Lajoie win Spike's Challenge



Photo by Caleb Casey

Andrew Triebold and Steve Lajoie paddle past Burton's Landing during the 2008 Spike's Challenge C-2 race on Sunday, July 20. Triebold and Lajoie, the first team to reach the finish line at McMasters Bridge, completed the race in 2:34:56. For more on the Spike's Challenge, see Page 1B.

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2008 Marathon attracts wide range of competitors

Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon

2007 Marathon Champions Andy Triebold and Steve Lajoie celebrating their victory in Canada.

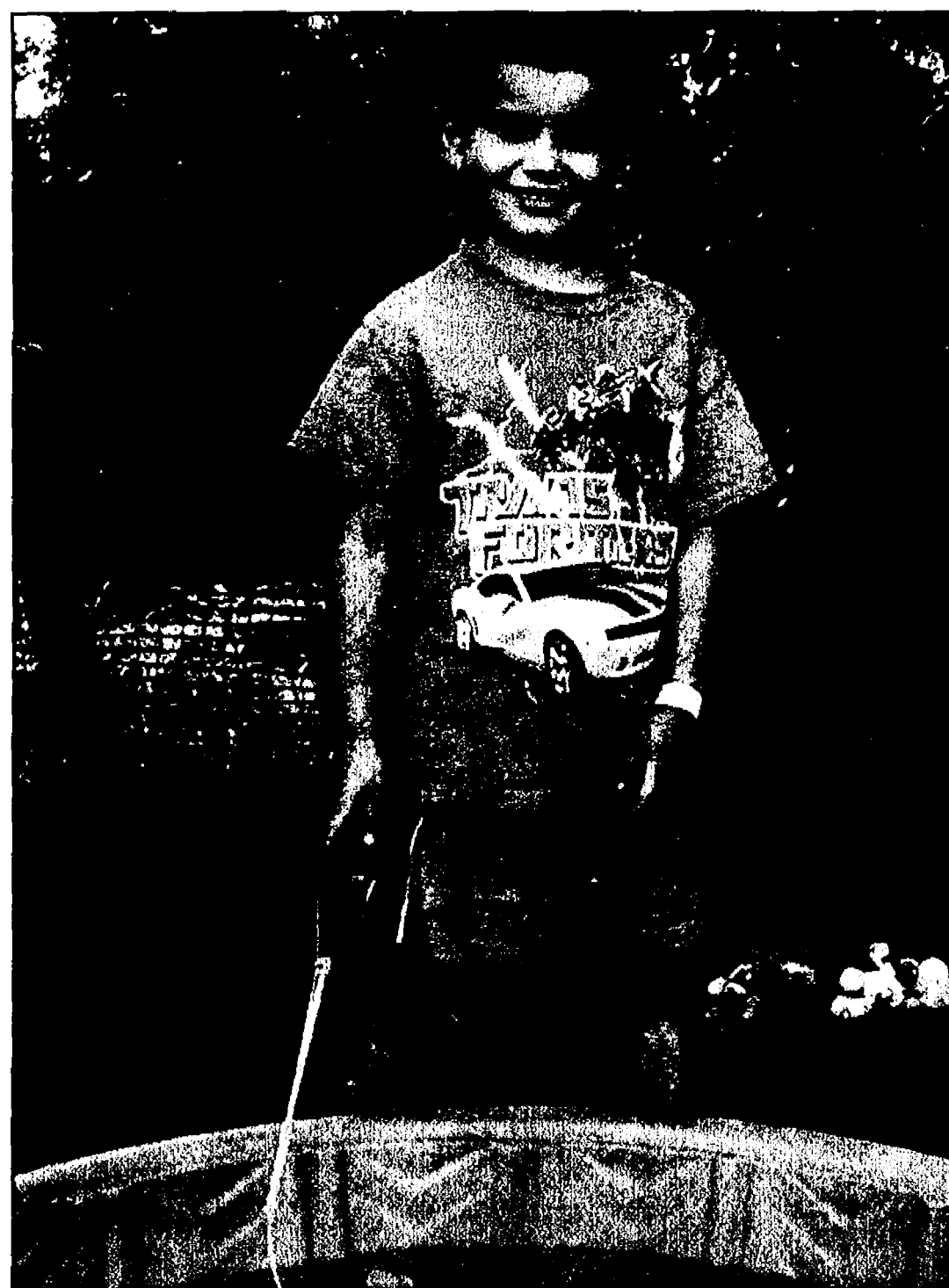
The 2008 Spectator Guide includes marathon articles, paddler profiles, an entry list, a schedule of events for the AuSable River Festival, a course map, and more.

Kids help launch AuSable River Festival



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Hundreds of children and their families took advantage of the kids day activities, held in Grayling's AuSable River City Park on Tuesday, as AuSable River Festival activities got underway. Above, Gabby Scott, age 5 of Mio, receives a balloon from Dixie Lilly, a clown from the Northland Area Credit Union. Right, Chevy Klee, age 4, takes his chances at the kids fishing pond.



Voters will decide primary election races

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County voters will go to the polls on Tuesday, Aug. 5, to select a slate of candidates that will move on to the general election.

The polls will be open at the Grayling City Hall and in the township offices from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 5, for voters to cast their ballots in the state's primary election.

Five candidates are vying for the 106th District State Representative seat currently held by Matt Gillard (D-Alpena), who is prevented by term limits for running for re-election. Peter Petallia, the Presque Isle Township Supervisor, Everett Swift, a Hillman resident, and Howard E. Viegelaan, a Rogers City farmer, are running on the Republican ticket. Andy Neumann, an Alpena resident who was term-limited from the 106th seat in 2002, is running

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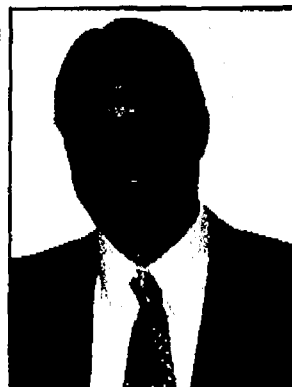
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Kids break in Hanson Hoppers Park



Youngsters, involved in a Kids Day Camp program at Hanson Hills, recently broke in the new playground equipment for the Hanson Hoppers Park. The playground, located near the entrance to Hanson Hills, is the first of three phases of playground equipment and improvements planned for the recreation area. Above left, Kendall Tomczak tries out the peddle bars for the playground equipment. Above right, Mikayla Duncel, the daughter of Hanson Hills program director Joni Duncel, cuts the ribbon before the park's opening since she had input on the equipment, fixtures and make up of the park. Below left, Russell Mansfield tries out a slide while playing on the playground equipment. Below right, Andrew Reichelderfer buries himself in the sand located around the playground equipment.

Eagles support military's Family Readiness Group

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Local Eagles members made a donation to Camp Grayling's Family Readiness Group to help out the families of troops experi-

encing hardships while their loved ones are deployed.

The Kalkaska Eagles Aerie #4496, and its Ladies Auxiliary, donated \$1,240 to Camp Grayling's Family Readiness Fund earlier this month.

The funds were raised at a car, truck and bike show, which also included an auction and steak dinner, held at the club on June 28.

Bob Pokerwinski, chairman of the Kalkaska Eagles Club's board of trustees, said club members have wanted to support a local charity with the fund-raiser since the club was founded in November 2006.

"We thought that because this was a local organization, we wanted to help the local people out the best we could," Pokerwinski said. "We had an outstanding turn out and we're going to try to do this again next year. We will probably make an annual event out of it."

Pokerwinski said Eagles Club and Auxiliary members were pleased with the response that they received from Camp Grayling brass when they made the donations.

"It made us all feel real good, not only to help the families for the troops, but to also help the people in the community who are serving to protect the country," Pokerwinski said.

The Family Readiness Group is an officially command-sponsored organization of family members, volunteers and soldiers belonging to a unit that works together to provide an avenue of mutual support and assistance, as well as a network of communications among the family members, the chain of command and community resources.

The Family Readiness Group helps the families of troops, deployed to fight the war on terrorism, by paying bills when they are experiencing medical, personal or financial hardships. Knowing that their families are being supported also takes some of the worry off of soldiers while they are serving their mission.

"It's a great help to the families of soldiers who are going through troubling times," said 1st Sgt. Ken Holmes of Camp Grayling's Joint Maneuver Training Center, who helps oversee the Family

Readiness Group's activities. "Our hats are off to these local Eagles members for making this money available to us."

The Family Readiness Group helps families deal with emergencies as they come up. It also holds a summer picnic and a Christmas party for families and children of the troops.

"We do everything with community support and support from the military spouses," said Gretchen Walsh, vice president of Camp Grayling's Family Readiness Group Committee. "If anybody is seeking to volunteer or to make donations, we can use all the help we can get."

The Kalkaska Eagles Club, located at 15853 M-72 just west of the Manistee River, has a Grayling address and phone number.

Several of the club's members are dual members, meaning they are active members or hold offices in both the Kalkaska and the Grayling Eagles Clubs.

"They wanted this club to work, and in order to make it work, they have to have some input in what's going on," Pokerwinski said.

Attendance urged at I-75 Business Loop project meeting

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling City officials are urging residents and business owners to attend a Michigan Department of Transportation public meeting for improvements that will be made to the I-75 Business Loop next year.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will host a public information meeting on Tuesday, July 29, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the City of Grayling Offices located at 1020 City Blvd., to gather input on the I-75 Business Loop

improvements.

In 2009, MDOT is planning to reconstruct and widen the road from M-72 East to north of M-72 West in Crawford County.

Initial plans call for establishing five lanes of traffic, with a left middle turn lane, from M-72 East to Charles Street just before the AuSable River Bridge. The planned lane configuration would then be decreased down to three lanes, extending to M-72 West with the middle turn lane, to ease the flow of traffic through town. The stop light on the I-75 Business Loop would be operated

by a camera to encourage a continuous flow of traffic through town. Sensors in the street on Michigan Avenue would be placed in the pavement to detect when the lights need to be changed to allow turns onto the Business Loop.


Grayling City Manager David Thayer said that city officials have concerns over people safely crossing the Business Loop and motorists turning off of the side streets. Officials are also concerned that travelers will not patronize local businesses if they are encouraged to whisk through town.

"We hope that people will come to the meeting, learn the facts and express their opinions," Thayer said.

Hilary Owen, development engineer, said the lane configurations are just one of several ideas that officials have for the \$4.7 million road upgrade.

"We're looking to find out what the public has to say about our ideas so we can pick a direction and run with it," Owen said.

Thayer said that the city council will give its opinion of the proposed road improvements following the public meeting.



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Relay for Life raises money to battle cancer



Photos by Dan Sanderson
The Crawford County Relay for Life raised over \$40,000 at the annual event held at the Grayling High School on Saturday. Above left, Tony Robinson takes his turn in the Relay for Life dunk tank. Below left, Kim VanNuck, Amanda VanNuck and Tim Vos wore their "Cancer Sucks" T-shirts, as part of the Amanda's Angels team which was formed by the family and friends of Amanda Moggo, a Grayling resident whose brain cancer has been in remission for three years. Above right, Judy Johnson and Sharon France wore costumes and hats as part of the Grayling Eagles Club's Candy Canes Relay for Life team.

Grayling grad travels to South Africa for medical mission

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer — A Grayling graduate, studying to work in the medical field, recently traveled to South Africa where she worked in HIV clinics, mentored homeless children and learned traditional medical practices.

Alex Fedak traveled to South Africa from May 8 to June 20, and worked in clinics and hospitals in Cape Town, Oudtshoorn and Stellenbosch.

Fedak worked in HIV clinics, since the disease is prevalent in the third world country.

"Their knowledge is slim and they just don't take precautions," Fedak said.

In the hospitals where she worked and offered nutrition and health education, Fedak said that she did not have the access to technology she is used to working with in her classes.

"I learned how to do things the old fashioned, traditional ways," she said.

Although apartheid ended in South Africa in the 1990s, Fedak said that there is still racial tension and segregation. While in the country, Fedak was hosted by an African family. She was told to expect to hear racial comments and was taunted, while she was

walking with her hosts, by people in cars passing by.

"It didn't bother me at first, but it is a huge difference," she said.

Fedak said there are several warring factions in South Africa, which results in violent conflicts and violent acts toward women.

"It's a bloody mess over there, really," she said.

During her evenings, Fedak mentored children who were involved in street gangs. She shared bologna sandwiches with the youth and played music on her laptop computer for entertainment.

"I tried to show them that they can have a better life for themselves if they work at it," she said.

Fedak is currently studying nuclear medicine, which involves studying chemotherapy and radiology, at Oakland University through Beaumont Hospital. Sadly, Fedak's grandfather, Robert Randle, died after a battle with cancer while she was on her trip.

"Cancer is something that has definitely effected my family and it's something that I want to learn more about," she said.

Fedak traveled to South Africa through an organization called Dreamcatcher and earned credit

for one of her clinical classes for her service. She financed the trip by taking out a student loan.

The trip was not all work and no play for Fedak. While in South Africa, she rode an ostrich and swam with crocodiles in a protective cage at a zoo.

Fedak stayed in a shack with her hosts which had a dirt floor and no bathroom. Fedak, who is a vegetarian, said her hosts were gracious enough to have soy milk available for her during her visit. She said the people she met went out of their way to share what they had, even splitting a Tootsie Roll into tiny pieces so everybody could have some of the candy.

"They go out of their way to make sure everybody is happy and satisfied," she said.

Fedak said that her host family used scrap metal for siding on their home, instead of having traditional vinyl siding like the homes she is accustomed to being in.

"They make do with what they have and they don't have anything extra," she said.

Fedak, the daughter of Linda Randle and Fred Fedak, graduated from Grayling High School in 2006.

Fedak plans to graduate from college in 2010. She intends to go back to South Africa for a year to work again in the hospitals and the clinics.

"They need all the help they can get," she said.

Eventually, Fedak said that she

hopes to work at a hospital on the West Coast.



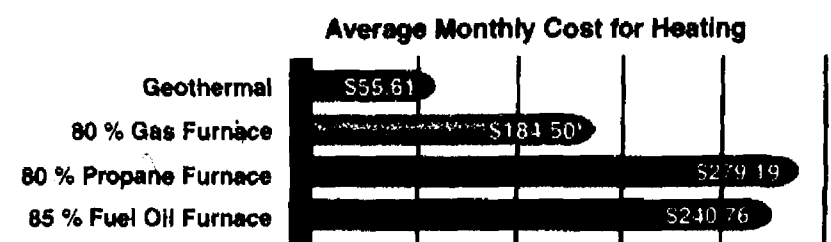
Alex Fedak traveled to South Africa from May 8 to June 20, and worked in clinics and hospitals in Cape Town, Oudtshoorn and Stellenbosch. Above, Fedak is pictured with some youngsters who she taught health and nutrition to.

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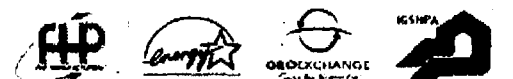
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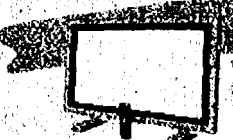
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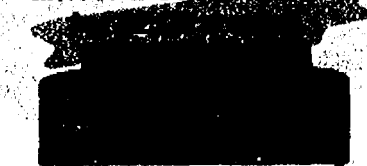


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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Voters may have options on government reforms

GOVERNMENT REFORM in most years is something like the weather: everybody complains about the weather, but nobody does anything about it.

That's not true in Michigan during this election year.

First and foremost is the humongous makeover job designed by an unidentified group of reformers pushing a constitutional amendment called Reform Michigan Government Now! Their goal is far-reaching.

For starters, this group wants to cut pay and benefits for state elected officials including legislators, reduce the number of supreme court and state appellate judges, slice the number of house members and senators, change the rules on redistricting legislative seats, require elected state officials to file financial disclosure statements, permit absentee ballots on demand, and on and on.

Their proposed changes would reach into 32 different sections of the state constitution. With such vast coverage, unintended consequences are bound to

deepen the actual impact of the plan if adopted. Interestingly term limits would not change.

Petitions with almost 500,000 signatures were filed to place this proposal on the November ballot. State elections officials are going over the petitions and wording of the proposal to see if they fit within state law.

In addition, the opposing Michigan Chamber of Commerce has promised to sue to keep it off the ballot.

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FOR VOTERS who may want change but are wary of the wholesale approach of the Reform Michigan Government Now campaign, another idea is being considered.

Democratic State Rep. Mark Meadows, former East Lansing mayor, has offered a different constitutional amendment affecting only the legislature.

The Meadows proposal is much simpler: It would cut legislative pay from the present \$79,650 a year to \$60,000 a year -- and end legislative term limits.

The larger reform package also would reduce salaries for legislators plus governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and secretary of state back to 2000 levels, but term limits would stay.

The Meadows proposal is focused only on the legislature. By comparison, it's only Reform Light -- but it is something.

Because it comes through the legislature, the Meadows resolution does not require citizen petitions, but can be placed on the November ballot by two-thirds votes in both the state house and state senate.

If it ends up on the November ballot, it could provide a dilemma for many voters:

Is ending term limits a satisfactory trade-off for cutting legislative pay by \$20,000 a year?

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LEVIN LEADS -- Questions other than government reform will be on the November ballot, too.

The US senate seat held by Democrat Carl Levin, who has held it for 30 years,

is on the ballot, and he is running for a sixth term.

Republicans are expected to nominate state Rep. Jack Hoogendyk of Kalamazoo. At this point, it doesn't appear that Sen. Levin has much to worry about.

A July poll of 500 likely Michigan voters, as reported in *The Detroit News*, shows Sen. Levin with an impressive 21-point lead over Rep. Hoogendyk.

On the finance side, according to the *Detroit News* item, Mr. Levin has \$4.4 million on hand, and Mr. Hoogendyk has \$41,000.

In politics, of course, anything can happen, but those are staggering figures in Mr. Levin's favor.

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CLOSE CONTEST -- The Democratic primary in Detroit's 13th congressional district is much closer than the Levin-Hoogendyk contest.

US Rep. Carolyn Cheeks Kirkpatrick has held the seat for five terms, but is seriously challenged this year, largely because she is mother of Detroit Mayor

Kwame Kirkpatrick, who is under constant fire from all sides for his conduct in office.

Ms. Kirkpatrick is challenged by two veteran Detroit politicians, state Sen. Brenda Scott and former state Rep. Mary Waters.

The district is heavily Democratic, so whoever wins the primary will go to Washington.

In a recent three-way TV debate, as reported in *The Detroit News*, Ms. Kirkpatrick, in citing her effectiveness in Washington, claimed she had brought \$500 million in federal funds to Michigan.

Ms. Waters countered that "anybody in congress can bring home the dollars," and Ms. Kirkpatrick responded: "You can't even carry my bra."

As the newspaper headline indicated, the attacks in the 13th district are getting personal.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Family had quite a laugh at Reader's Digest quiz

To the editor:

I want everyone to enjoy the laugh my family and I had when we were taking a quiz in the May, 2008, Reader's Digest. They questioned how much we knew about the United States. Question #4 asked: Which one of the following is not a real museum?

a) Museum of Sex, New York City, b) The Potato Museum, Albuquerque, N.M., c) The Toothpaste Sculpture Museum,

Grayling, Mich., d) American Sanitary Plumbing Museum, Worcester, Mass., e) Beer Can Museum, Boston.

Of course we didn't know the answer until we read the names of the cities where they are located.

P.S. We really enjoyed the fireworks this year. They were fantastic. Great job Booster Club.

Mary Brown
Grayling

Nicest view of Grayling

To the editor:

I'm sure that I'm not the only one to notice it, but what I consider to be one of the nicest views along I-75 is only about two miles south of Grayling. It's too bad you have to look in your rear view mirror to see it.

Just before you get to the big sign over the freeway, take a look

in your rear view mirror and you will see the most fantastic view of the city of Grayling and the AuSable River valley.

I'm sure if this was the north bound view, more people would have a much different view (pun intended) of Grayling.

William Hansen
Gaylord

WASHINGTON NOTES

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

Investing in Michigan innovation

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). If you have never heard of DARPA, you are not alone. But some of the innovations it has supported are familiar to all of us, and the work they are doing today will shape the way we live tomorrow. DARPA began the research that led to the creation of the Internet; it originated the technologies used in our military's stealth aircraft; and it even provided funding to the inventor of the computer mouse.

These innovations have changed the way we learn, communicate and teach, changed the way companies and entrepreneurs do business, and changed the way our military protects the nation. At the same time, DARPA's advances have had an immeasurable impact on our economy and on job creation.

DARPA is just one of the science and innovation organizations that I have worked with and supported as Chairman of the

Senate Armed Services Committee. These organizations are great examples of how we can use public-private partnerships to aid our national security efforts while also positively supporting the economy.

Some of the entities are based in Michigan, and their potential innovations hold great promise for our state's economic future.

In Warren, the Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC) is developing technologies aimed towards creating the next generation of autonomous robotic vehicles, which have both civilian and military applications ranging from bomb detection, to exploring distant planets, to pilot-less airplanes. Many of the technologies TARDEC is working on involve other Michigan entities and researchers.

Just last year I helped secure funding for construction of a new state-of-the-art Power and Energy Laboratory at TARDEC to increase research into engines,

fuel cells and energy storage devices. Advancements in this field will be useful for the military's combat and tactical systems, as well as for the automotive industry.

Funding for Michigan researchers will help them develop artificial intelligence with great potential for commercialization. This technology has a number of military applications, including modeling and simulation, robotics control systems and intelligence analysis.

Another Michigan-based venture is focused on developing transparent ceramic armor, providing lightweight battlefield protection. But if the technology, which uses something called "nanomaterials," is successful, it could also help to maximize the capabilities of high-powered lasers for use in advanced communications systems.

At the University of Michigan, the Automotive Research Center, along with TARDEC's National Automotive Center (NAC), is developing automotive technolo-

gies, such as advanced engine systems, vehicle design technologies, and high performance and lightweight materials, which can enhance national security and potentially help manufacturers and suppliers as well.

The technological possibilities of all of these partnerships and projects are boundless, and the potential economic benefits of supporting this kind of research and development are huge.

Michigan's automotive industry and our world-class research universities make our state home to an enormous concentration of engineering and scientific know-how. Thanks to the efforts already undertaken, we can expect great breakthroughs of the next 50 years to happen right here in our state.

Public-private partnerships and investments in high-potential technologies will spur innovation and create the jobs that provide a bright economic future for Michigan.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. Senator from Michigan.

What Do You Think?

The Crawford County Avalanche welcomes its readers to comment on news, features, and opinion articles -- including letters to the editor and Richard Milliman's weekly Almanack column -- on our Internet site at www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com.

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All comments are subject to approval by Crawford County Avalanche management prior to publication on our Internet site. Comments are limited to 200 words.

Excerpts from recent comments posted on our Internet site:

Bill wrote on July 3 (regarding county-court lawsuit): "Just goes to show you -- who really wins in a lawsuit? The lawyers. Eventually they'll get their money, and meanwhile it will potentially mushroom by 150% of the fees or 150% of the charged lawyer hours. 'Man we gotta get out of this pit! Let's dig faster!' Here's where a huge chunk of your tax dollars are going, Crawford County residents."

Judi wrote on July 13 (regarding drowning death of local man): "Thank you so much for your lovely article (on) Greg Petrie. Having lost a dear nephew at the same age, the same disease and a drowning victim, my entire being goes out to his friends and family. How wonderful it is that he was surrounded by friends who were able to see his qualities rather than his disease. This speaks volumes to the very character of his friends. Each of you have been blessed to have had Greg in your lives as I was blessed reading the article."

PT wrote on July 17 (regarding fire department dispute): "Good luck in getting this agreement settled, this type of controversy only creates hard feelings, not only with residents but with the firefighters."

Dave wrote on July 17 (regarding proposed theme park): "Why are the big theme parks not interested in coming to Grayling? Demographics/location. Do you really think that military people would come here? Ever check the pay scale? And you -- the locals -- do you really believe that this will be in your budget to attend this Scheme Park more than once? Attendance is way down at theme parks, what makes you think that someone from Chicago or Detroit would come here? Cedar Point is closer! Financing -- have you seen the stock price on bank stocks lately? In the same range as GM -- worthless penny stocks -- so you believe that financing will come from Remington?"

BA wrote on July 17 (regarding proposed theme park): "I have been suspicious for quite some time. It seems some details are a secret. Once that land is sold, there isn't too much we can do about it. A \$25 million dollar payroll is not a big deal when you have 2,000 employees. Also, when they did the downtown streets at a cost of \$1.5 million, I don't see how they can do a theme park for \$168 million. It does not make sense, and is very fishy. I think Grayling needs to encourage more small businesses than putting all hopes in the theme park. If the theme park folds, then so does the 2,000 employees... and the land is lost for good and we will be stuck with a \$168 million dollar eyesore. Grayling, don't be so eager, the numbers do not add up, and neither does Mr. Croger and his partners. I know we need help, but I think we will end up paying the price."

Mark wrote on July 18 (regarding proposed theme park): "Saying that the military soldiers training in Grayling will be a significant source of attendance is (a) pipe dream assumption. Soldiers are in Grayling to train. Few unit commanders have a day off to give their

soldiers a chance to attend the park. Commanders are held accountable for how their soldiers time is spent: 'Are the taxpayers getting their money's worth?' I am not opposed to economic growth in Grayling at the expense of trees. I get nervous when the people looking to cut down the trees have no connection to the area other than money."

Nicole wrote on July 20 (regarding proposed theme park): "With all of the debate about the park and the ins and outs, nothing is going to happen soon, it seems. Instead of using our brains for a debate that changes nothing, why aren't we all trying to come up with a better idea for the land or the area? If we focus on what we DO know now and what we really believe will help our town prosper, maybe we can come up with a viable plan or at least something else to save us all besides the park, whether it comes or not... How about a motorcycle rally? We all know there are plenty of bikers around here, and they all have friends around the country. It has brought money to Sturgis and plenty of other towns on smaller scales for years, or how about a free outdoor concert series like they do in Lansing -- it brings people to spend money in town. We can then use the town we have built NOW and make a little bit of money and THEN decide where to develop? Crazy ideas can become success stories if we put our minds in a positive mode."

Skeptic wrote on July 20 (regarding proposed theme park): "It is very easy to determine whether this is a realistic proposal: are any financial institutions willing to risk their money on it? The answer is, and has been for over three years now, NO. There is no other factor that matters until someone steps up and risks their own money on this proposal. And since financiers who might invest their own money do the kinds of research our local officials have neglected, they discovered what should have been obvious to all, that this proposal has no chance of success."

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BRIEFS

Rotary to hold annual chicken BBQ

The Grayling Rotary Club will be holding its annual chicken BBQ on Saturday, July 26, from noon - 6 p.m. at the American Legion Post 106, on the I-75 Business Loop, Grayling. Tickets are \$7 and are available at the door or from any Grayling Rotarian. All proceeds go towards community good works.

Class of '93 to hold reunion

The class of '93 will hold their 15 year reunion on Friday, July 25, at 7 p.m. at the Ole Barn. On Saturday, July 26, they will meet after the parade at the Grayling Township Park (across from the fish hatchery). Bring a picnic dinner for your family to the park.

Friends of the Library to hold book sale

Friends of the Crawford County Library will be holding their annual used book sale on Thursday, July 24, from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and on Friday July 25, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. There will be a pre-sale to all Friends Members from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 23.

Church to hold hot dog and bake sale

The Burning Bush Tabernacle will hold a hot dog and bake sale on July 26, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. All proceeds will go towards new music equipment. Any questions, call 348-1278.

Food drive marathon to be held

The Crawford County Food Drive Marathon to benefit the Christian Help Center Food Pantry will be taking canned food donations from now until July 30. For every five cans of food dropped off at Active Chiropractic, you will be entered in a drawing to receive one of three \$50 gift cards. Winners of the gift cards will be announced on July 30. The gift cards can be used towards any service offered by Active Chiropractic. Call the office for drop off hours, at 348-4560, or stop at the office located at 1406 S. I-75 Bus. Loop, Grayling.

Matrix to hold concert

The Matrix youth center, located at the Resurrection Life Center, two miles east on M-72, will hold a concert on Friday, July 25, at 7 p.m., with Christian rock bands "The Cast and the Crew" and "Hail Your Highness" performing. The doors open at 6 p.m., cost is \$5 at the door. There will be pool, foosball, ping-pong and concessions available. Call 348-2025 for more information or go to www.myspace.com/the_matrix49_1.

Legion to host pancake breakfast

The American Legion Post #106 will host a pancake breakfast on Saturday, July 26, from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. The breakfast includes pancakes, waffles, french toast, sausage, eggs, juice, coffee and milk. The cost is \$5 per person, \$3 for those under 12.

Pick up time for Angelfood announced

The pick up time for Angelfood will be Saturday, July 26, from 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Plants available at craft show

Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club will have their annual plant booth at the AuSable River Arts and Craft Show on Saturday, July 26. Garden gloves will also be available.

COOR area focuses on planning for tourism

How ready is our community to deal with new tourism-related development projects? What should our communities be doing now to better prepare themselves for new tourism-related facilities that take place in the future? These and other questions will be discussed at an upcoming public meeting, entitled "Planning for Tourism," on Tuesday, Aug. 19, at Kirtland Community College. The program will be held at the Kirtland House Conference Center, located on College Drive, adjacent to the Kirtland Community College campus. The program will run from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and is sponsored by Michigan State University (MSU) and Kirtland Community College. The cost to attend this program is \$55 per person, which covers the speaker and material costs for the program. All participants will receive a packet of training materials as part of the registration fee. The deadline for registration is Aug. 5.

As many local policy makers and planning officials are aware, the Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon County (COOR) Area is poised for a significant impact if the proposed 4 Mile Road amusement park in Crawford County materializes. Most people agree that advance

planning will be the key to helping our local communities deal with any new tourism-related facilities. Advanced preparation will help to optimize the positive effects and minimize the negative effects as a result of new business investments in the COOR area.

Land use planning experts from Michigan State University will present an overview of what COOR area communities should be discussing to prepare themselves for future tourism-related projects. "Planning for Tourism" is a speciality program that is part of the structured curriculum for the *Citizen Planner* land use training program developed by MSU. *Citizen Planner* is a tuition-based, certificate training program.

This Aug. 19 program will be followed up in the fall of 2008 with a more intensive land use training program offered through MSU Extension entitled *Citizen Planner*. Details of how to enroll and participate in *Citizen Planner* will also be discussed at the meeting.

For more information about this program or how to enroll in it, please contact the Roscommon County MSU Extension office at 989-275-5043 or the Crawford County MSU Extension office at 989-344-3264.

DNR seeks input into planning process for state forests

The Department of Natural Resources will hold a series of public meetings to provide information and receive comments on proposed management areas, for a Regional State Forest Management Plan for the northern and southern Lower Peninsula Eco-Regions.

The meetings will be held at three locations: Tuesday, Aug. 12, 7 p.m. - DNR Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center, 103 Conservation Dr., Roscommon; Wednesday, Aug. 13, 7 p.m. - DNR Gaylord Operations Service Center, 1732 West M-32, Gaylord; and Thursday, Aug. 14, 7 p.m. - Clam Lake Township Hall, 8809 East M-115, Cadillac.

Before each meeting, there will be an open house from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. where citizens can examine management area maps and discuss preliminary management concepts with DNR resource managers.

"Comments from stakeholder organizations and the public are an important part of this planning process," said Lynne Boyd, chief of the DNR's Forest, Minerals and Fire Management Division. "We welcome and need public engagement on how the state forest should be managed over the next 10-year period and beyond."

Management areas are groupings of existing state forest land compartments that have similar attributes, such as vegetation types, landforms or ownership patterns. Specific management direction for each management area will be incorporated into the northern Lower Peninsula

Regional State Forest Management Plan. This will help the DNR to provide landscape level analyses and direction that will guide operational decisions made at each forest management unit, through the existing compartment review process.

Additional information is available via the Internet at www.michigan.gov/dnr. Persons, not able to attend the meetings or wishing to respond in writing, may send an e-mail by Sept. 15 to DNR-NLP-Eco-Team@michigan.gov, or by postal mail to NLP Eco-team, DNR Gaylord OSC, 1732 West M-32, Gaylord, MI 49735.

In addition to these meetings to solicit input as the plan is being drafted, future public meetings will be scheduled when draft and final versions of the Regional State Forest Management plans are completed.

Individuals attending the meeting are requested to refrain from using heavily-scented personal care products, in order to enhance accessibility for everyone.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for the meeting should contact John Pilon at 989-732-3541, ext. 5042, a minimum of five business days before these meetings. Requests made less than five business days may not be accommodated.

The DNR is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural resources for current and future generations.

Area amateur photo contest open

The Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District is reinstating its annual photo contest.

All photos entered will be displayed and voted on by the public at the third Conservation Expo, on Sept. 13, at the Houghton Lake Historical Playhouse from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The deadline for submitting any color or black and white 8" x10" photo is Wednesday, Aug. 27. Photos may be mailed to C-RCD, PO Box 156, Roscommon, MI 48653, or dropped off at the

conservation district office in the county building, 500 Lake Street, Roscommon.

The categories are floral, forestry, landscapes, recreation and wildlife.

Individuals wishing to participate may contact Barb Stauffer at 275-3163 or barb.stauffer@macd.org.

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RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for July 20 of \$25 each; JD Golec, Cathy Holton and Val Priebe.

Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle for July 18 was Kurt Kolka.

The Bible Speaks

God's Resurrection Within

We have positional assurance of salvation from the residency of God's Spirit within in Romans 8:9: "9But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." We have present assurance of salvation from the righteousness of Christ's Spirit within in Romans 8:10: "10And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness." Now we have prophetic assurance of salvation from our resurrection by the Holy Spirit within us in Romans 8:11: "11But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

The entire Trinity was involved in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We read in the above context about the Holy Spirit resurrecting Him. He is resurrected by God the Father in Acts 2:24; 2:32; Romans 6:4; 1 Corinthians 6:14; and Ephesians 1:19,20. He prom-

ised to resurrect His own body. "18No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father." (John 10:18). "19Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. 20Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? 21But he spake of the temple of his body." (John 2:19-21).

As Christians indwelt by the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit we have God's promise of our own resurrection also: "...He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies..." Jesus promised His disciples in John 14:17: "17Even the Spirit of truth...ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." Jesus Christ shall resurrect us also: "21For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.. 14Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you." (2 Corinthians 4:14). "16For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and

with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." (1 Thessalonians 4:16,17).

Our final assurance of resurrection is the permanent presence of the Holy Spirit indwelling our bodies, "...by his Spirit that dwelleth in you." "13In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory." (Ephesians 1:13,14). We are sealed by the Holy Spirit as the "earnest" or promise of our final bodily redemption. "30And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." (Eph 4:30). God's Spirit will remain in Christians until their resurrection. Pastor "B"

The Bible Speaks is a paid advertisement and does not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Crawford County Avalanche.

Avalos, Cousins wed



Kayla Ella Avalos and William Glenn Cousins

Kayla Ella Avalos and William Glenn Cousins were united in marriage on May 30, 2008, at the Roscommon Baptist Church.

Kayla is the daughter of Joel and Lisa Avalos of Roscommon. Chellsey Avalos, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Lyndsay Eaton, Racheal Pegouskie-Johns and Janelle Swartzendruber. The flower girls were Rayne Avalos and Destiny Pegouskie.

William is the son of Robert Cousins of Gaylord and Janelle Cousins of Roscommon.

The best man was Adam Johns, friend of the groom. The groomsmen were Michael Cousins, Travis Hatfield and Michael Phipps. The ring bear-

er was Kayden Johns.

The greeters were Candice Avalos, cousin of the bride, and Esther Hill, aunt to the bride.

The bride is a student at Kirtland Community College. She is currently employed at the Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation Community.

The groom is employed with M.A.T.E.S. in Grayling and the U.S. National Guard. He was deployed for Iraq with the 1460th.

A reception was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Roscommon.

The couple will be going on a cruise when the groom returns home from Iraq.

The couple resides in Grayling.

OBITUARIES



Jack T. Schmidt

Oct. 28, 1976 - July 14, 2008
Jack Thomas Schmidt, 31, of Grayling, passed away on July 14, 2008.

He was born in Houma, La., on October 28, 1976, to Timothy and Ann (Dutile) Schmidt.

He is survived by his parents, Tim and Ann Schmidt of Beaver Creek Township; sister, Kelly (Claude) Halstead of Central Lake; nieces and nephews: Kalani, Max and Maile.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Toxie Lee and Levine Lee Schmidt and Loretta Lynn and Desire Joseph Dutile, Sr.; aunt, Diane Schmidt; and cousins, Donna Prince and Brian Schmidt.

A memorial service was held on July 19.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Holly Magee

Dec. 25, 1955 - July 18, 2008
Holly Mae Magee (Rohde), 52, of Roscommon, passed away due to natural causes on July 18, 2008.

A funeral service was held on July 20, at Immanuel Baptist Church in Roscommon.

Arrangements made by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

In Memory of

In loving memory of our mother, sister and friend, Arlene Fraley. She left us suddenly on July 20, 2008, but will be remembered always. She is survived by her children, Ken and Diane Fraley.

In memory of

Jack Bindschattel, July 21, 1983.

Twenty-five years have gone by, but our love and thoughts of you will always be here.

Missing you forever,
your family

Card of Thanks

The family of Mildred (Milly) Harmer would like to express their appreciation to the following for their love, support and assistance in the loss of a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and aunt.

Our thanks and gratitude go to the Dobson family, Joanne Kaiser, Maggi Partello, Diane Thompson and Robin Cox for the donation of food and flowers, AuSable Woodworking, the Madill family and the Kaiser family for their love and support. Sandy and Katie Baynham, what can we say, words cannot express our appreciation. To Pastor Ernie Wagner for his comforting words. We thank the Grayling City Police, Grayling EMTs, Mercy Hospital personnel and Dr. Gosling for their assistance to Mildred.

Thanks to Eva Hulbert and the ladies of the Frederic Hobby Club for the very nice luncheon.

Last, but not least, Teri Lockwood of Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home for all of your support and kindness. Losing a family member is difficult at best, but your kindness has made it a little easier to bear. We also thank all of our family and friends, too numerous to mention, for their support. It is times like this that we realize just how important you all are to us. Thank you again.

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Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
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Sunday School 10 am
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Sunday Evening Service 6 pm

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Sunday School 9:15 am
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Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

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Morning Prayer Tues-Fri 8:30 am
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Resurrection Life Center
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Phone: 969-348-1000

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Wed. Men's Bible Study Noon

Grayling Valley Tabernacle
Church of God
Pastor Gary Thompson
969-348-8079

Sunday Night Fellowship Time 5:45 pm
Sunday Service 8 pm

BIRTHS

Cortney and Stephen Niederer, of Roscommon, announce the birth of their son, Stephen David, born at Mercy Hospital on July 15, 2008, at 12:10 a.m., weighing 8 lbs., 5 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

Christina and Patrick McGuffin, of Grayling, announce the birth of their

daughter, Lela Moon, born at Mercy Hospital on July 8, 2008, at 4:51 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 9 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

Jessica Nielsen and Devyn LaRoque, of Grayling, announce the birth of a son, Jayden Albert, born at Mercy Hospital on July 1, 2008, weighing 7 lbs., 3 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

Amber Nicole Haskin and Daniel Lee Kelley, of Grayling, announce the birth of a daughter, Sophia Carroll Marie, born at Mercy Hospital on July 13, 2008, at 7:32 p.m. weighing 5 lbs., 7 ozs., and measuring 18 1/2 inches in length.

Trish and Jeremiah Kohnert, of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter, Peyton Elizabeth, born at Mercy Hospital on July 3, 2008, at 3 p.m., weighing 6 lbs., 12 ozs., and measuring 18 1/2 inches in length.

Kalla Ezell, of Grayling, announces the birth of a son, Jayden Frederick, born at Mercy Hospital on July 7, 2008, at 2:52 a.m. weighing 8 lbs., 10 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

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For part of us went with you,
The day God took you home.
We will meet again some day,
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We thank God he made you our
Dad while you were here on earth.

We love and miss you,
Jamie & Jeremy

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LIBRARY NEWS

Catch the reading bug kids at the AuSable River parade on Saturday, July 26, at 3 p.m. The kids will be dressed like insects riding with the "Verminator" behind the Environmental Pest Control Truck. We want to exterminate illiteracy and take a bite out of reading.

The C.C.L.L. Book Club will hold a special meeting on July 29 at the Devereaux Memorial Library at 5 p.m. This month's selection is "Chocolat" by Joanne Harris. In addition to a book discussion, we will be showing the movie version of this book. Guests are asked to bring something chocolate to share with the group.

The Crawford County Library System will present an opportunity for Crawford County residents to learn the basics of Excel. "Getting Started with Excel" is a two week course. It will be held Monday, July 28, Wednesday, July 30, Monday, Aug. 4 and Wednesday, Aug. 6, from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. The cost will be

\$50 to cover materials. A few scholarships are available. This will be held at the Devereaux Memorial Library. Call 989-348-9214, ext. 202, with questions.

The last "Catch the Reading Bug Story Hour" at the Devereaux Memorial Library will be on Wednesday, July 30, at 11 a.m. Stories with wings, stings and flying things and interactive play will be included in this program for preschoolers. There will not be a story hour during the month of August. It will start up again on Wednesdays, at 11 a.m., in September.

The Devereaux Memorial Library will present the Acting Up Theatre Company on Thursday, July 31, at 11 a.m. They will perform "Stop Buggin' Me, I'm Readin'," as the final act of the "Catch the Reading Bug" summer reading program. Stay for lunch, awards and the big grand prize drawing for two bikes donated by The Bicycle Shop and the Burger King of Grayling.

RANGE FIRING

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard, July 24 - 25 and July 28 - 30.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State Rd. 618 and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), will be conducting helicopter door gunnery, July 27 - 30.

The following firing ranges are scheduled during the period of July 24 - 30.

"Small Arms" ranges, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek.

ARF Range, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and north of Portage Creek.

The Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake Rd., south of County Rd. 612, and west of Bald Hill Truck

Trail. Weapons live fire will be conducted.

In addition, the following roads will be closed on July 24 - 27. Bucks East - West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Rd. to Bald Hill Truck Trail, Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East - West to N. Down River Rd., Stephan Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd., and Wakeley Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information, call 989-344-6320.

HONORS

Ferris State University
Some 1,630 students completed the requirements for certificates, associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees at Ferris State University, Kendall College of Art and Design, and the College of Professional and Technological Studies, during the semester that ended in May 2008.

The Grayling students were: Allan Gray, who earned a Bachelor of Science in construction management, Tracy Parkinson, who earned a Bachelor of Science in biology education and Chad Schultz, who graduated Summa Cum Laude and received a Bachelor of Science in Business in computer information systems.

Jennifer Gaylor, of Roscommon, earned a Bachelor of Science in biology education.

Chad Schultz and Anthony

Neal, of Grayling, received academic honors for the semester that ended in May 2008.

Melissa Cherven, Mindy Jock, Krystyna Sherman and Philip Weiler, all of Roscommon, received academic honors for the semester that ended in May 2008.

Ashford University
Maryah Rohde (Stampfly), of Grayling, was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2008 term at Ashford University.

Maryah is a graduate of Calvary Baptist Academy and Kirtland Community College. She is in the final stages of receiving her Bachelor of Arts in social science, with a concentration on education, from Ashford University.

Maryah is a wife and a mother of two boys.

She is currently employed as a monitor at the Calvary Baptist Academy in Grayling.

Hatley, Russo engaged



Nickole Hatley and Matthew Russo

James and Karen Hatley announce the engagement of their daughter, Nickole Hatley, to Matthew Russo, the son of John and Kathy Conwell of Clarkston.

Nickole is a 2002 graduate of Grayling High School and a 2007 graduate of University of Michigan - Flint. She is currently

working towards a Master of Science in molecular biology.

Matthew is a 2004 graduate of Clarkston High School. He is currently working towards a Bachelor of Science in information technology.

A summer 2009 wedding is planned.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 107 complaints the week of July 14 - July 20:

One EMS response, one suicide, 19 general non-criminal complaints, two delinquent minors, five false alarm activations, one military, two assault/intimidation/stalkings, one assault and battery/simple assault, three burglaries/home invasions, one burglary/forced entry/non-residence, three larcenies, one fraudulent activity, two damage to properties, one damage to property-private property, one damage to property-business property, one marijuana possession, one indecent

exposure, one minor possess/consume/purchase attempt, 19 public peace/disorderlies, one operating while intoxicated, four health and safeties, eight traffic accidents, one traffic safety public appearance, one accident-explosion, two lost and found properties, five family troubles-domestic, 11 suspicious situations, five driving violations/driving while license suspended, one no operator license and two driving on revoked/suspended licenses.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to www.crawfordsheriff.org.

MILITARY NEWS

Patrick McGuffin of Grayling, a member of the 1071st Maintenance Company, Grayling Army National Guard, was promoted on June 4 to the rank of Sergeant.

McGuffin has been a member of the National Guard for 19 years. He attended basic training in 1988, at Fort Dix.

He is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2005-2006.

In civilian life, McGuffin works for H & H Tube in Vanderbilt as a Production Leader.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank Judy Smith of Riverwoods Specialty Desserts, Shirley Sanders of the Grayling Hospital for Animals, Glen's Market, and all the volunteers who made the "Not Your Average Bake Sale" a huge success. Thanks also goes to all those who supported this delicious event, establishing the "Please Don't Litter Fund" to help spay local cats. You are perfectly wonderful people.

AuSable Valley
Animal Shelter

Gold buyers to visit Grayling, June 29 & 30.

Gem and Diamond specialist of Lapeer County, one of Michigan's largest buyers of gold and silver since 1983 will be visiting Grayling for only 2 days to purchase the following items for top dollar: old wedding bands, class rings, broken gold chain and bracelets, silver coins, dental crowns, platinum and diamonds. The event will be held at the Days Inn in

Grayling.

Hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday and Monday, June 29 & 30. Free appraisal while you wait. Instant payment, no appointment is necessary.

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12 oz. Smoked Sausage	32 oz. Borden Shelf Stable Milk
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2 lbs. Juicy Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast	1.5 lb. Broccoli Cheese (4 x 6 oz.)
2 lbs. St. Louis-Style Ribs	1.5 lb. Chicken Breast Kiev (4 x 6 oz.)
1.5 lb. Hamburger Patties (4 x 6 oz.)	

AUGUST SPECIAL #2 \$20.00	AUGUST SPECIAL #4 \$18.00
4.5 lb. Steak & Meat Combo	Fresh Fruit and Veggie Box
1.5 lb. New York Strips (2 x 12 oz.)	4 Red Delicious Apples
1.5 lb. Bacon-Wrapped Beef Filet (4 x 6 oz.)	1 lb. Bag of Oranges
1.5 lb. Bacon-Wrapped Pork Filet (4 x 6 oz.)	1 Cello-wrapped Lettuce
	1 Large Cabbage
	6 Russet Potatoes
	2 Cucumbers
	1 Cantaloupe
	1 Honeydew Melon

Order Information

Order Dates: July 24th and August 7th 11 am-1pm at Grayling Free Methodist Church.
Ordering: August 7th by 1pm
Payment must be made with Cash, EBT Food Stamp Cards or Money Orders. **No Personal Checks Accepted.**

Important Distribution Information

Distribution Day: Saturday August 23rd, 1:30pm-3:30pm
Food must be picked up at the Grayling Free Methodist Church at the time above or it will be given to someone in need.
Bring a large box or cooler to pick up your orders.

August Order Form

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Mail Orders to Grayling Free Methodist Church, Attn: Nikki Trudeau, P.O. Box 397, Grayling, MI 49738. Money Orders need to be made payable to Grayling Free Methodist Church. Any questions please Call Nikki Trudeau at (989) 350-9362

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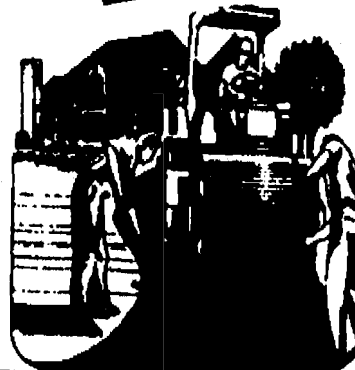


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Community groups come together to make little girl wishes come true

Most little girls grow up with dreams of owning a pony, playing dress up, princess parties and pretend weddings. This was the case for two very special friends, Bennette Sanderson and Alyssa Beckwith. They have spent every weekend together playing with Shetland ponies provided through Personal Ponies Ltd., a nonprofit organization that brings a little magic into the lives of children.

Even their brothers, Dakota Mansfield, and Brian and Mark Beckwith, have gotten involved helping with the training and care of these furry little ponies.

"It was through the children interacting and bonding with the ponies that the Pony Wedding began," said Vickie Sheathelm, National Director for Promotion and Placement Ponies for Personal Ponies Ltd.

"With all of the chaos in the world, it is wonderful that kids can remind of us how much joy can be felt when we explore our dreams," said Sheathelm.

Within Crawford County there are three families who have dedicated their time and efforts to training and raising ponies for placement with children with disabilities throughout the nation.

Part of the Personal Ponies mission is to assure that ponies are of good character and breeding and that they receive human interaction as soon as possible to assure that they are good for placement with families.

"Having foals and raising them to be ready for placement is part of our responsibility," Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson, a volunteer for Personal Ponies and the Crawford County Library Director, stated.

"Our little girls felt that it was

important for the ponies in the breeding program to have a wedding, complete with formal attire and a wedding cake. It is difficult to argue with the enthusiasm and smiles of two little girls," said Mansfield-Sanderson.

Local artist Shari Graziano created a design to assist in promoting the Personal Ponies Wedding.

The Crawford County Library, Wellington Farm USA and Personal Ponies Ltd. will be working together to assure a wonderful day for families. The events will be held at Wellington Farm Park on Saturday, Aug. 9, with the "Pony Wedding" to take place at 1 p.m. Throughout the day admission will be free and there will be many other activities at the park.

A lot of planning and work has gone into the event. Debbie Beckwith, volunteer for Personal Ponies, has been working on hair designs for filly bride Maisie, while the two little girls are designing her attire.

Many weekends have been spent teaching the bride and groom how to walk on a lead in preparation for the big event.

"It is going to be fun," said Bennette, "I hope everybody in the world comes to see the ponies and to have some carrot cake."

Marianne Alexander, Founder and National Director of Personal Ponies Ltd., was excited about the idea "This production is to make a little girl smile. It is in no way meant to be a mockery of anything," said Alexander.

This will be the culminating event in the Crawford County Library System's "Shetland Island Sisterhood" program.



As part of the Crawford County Library System's "Shetland Island Sisterhood" program, friends Bennette Sanderson (front) and Alyssa Beckwith (middle), with Debbie Beckwith (back), bath a Shetland pony. They are preparing for the "Pony Wedding" celebration that will take place at Wellington Farm Park on Aug. 9.



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Many weekends have been spent teaching the bride and groom how to walk on a lead in preparation for the big event. Above, Mark Beckwith is walking Maisie.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2133, Part 21, Subpart 10 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, that the DNR proposes to sell the following State-owned land or rights in land:

Crawford County, Grayling Township, T26N, R03W. State-owned land in Sections 20, 29, 32, and 33. 1,693 acres, more or less.

The proposed direct sale is being placed on the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) Agenda for public comment prior to being approved by the DNR Director. The next meeting of the NRC is scheduled at the following date, time and location:

August 14, 2008
 4:30 p.m.
 Lansing Center
 333 E. Michigan
 Lansing, Michigan

Public appearances before the NRC will begin at 4:30 P.M. and may be scheduled by calling Ms. Teresa Gloden, NRC Secretary, at 517-373-2352.

PLEASE NOTE: This notice is not a solicitation for bids. Further information regarding this case may be obtained by contacting the Real Estate Services Section, OLAF, DNR, P.O. Box 30448, Lansing, MI 48909-7948, via e-mail at DNRphase3@michigan.gov or telephone 517-373-1240.

AUSABLE RIVER FESTIVAL 2008 Schedule of Events

Thursday, July 24th

Marathon Community Coffee Break

8-10 am at Citizens Bank

Friends of the Library Book Sale

9am to 7pm at Devereaux Memorial Library

Business Relay Races

5-7 pm from Penrod's to Ray's

AuSable River C-1 Express Race

7:15 pm Penrod's to Burton's Landing

Friday, July 25th

Friends of the Library Book Sale

9 am to 7 pm at Devereaux Memorial Library

The Casey Challenge Borchers Annual U-18 Canoe Race

10am at Borchers Canoe Livery

Grayling Eagles "Steak Out"

4-7pm at the Grayling Eagles Clubhouse and Yard

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Friday, July 25th & Saturday, July 26th

33rd Annual Au Sable River

Fine Arts & Craft Show

10 am to 8 pm Friday, 10 am to 6 pm Saturday

in the Grayling City Park "Annual Quilt Sitters"

Quilt Show

10 am to 5 pm at The Icehouse Quilt Shop

Grayling Eagles "Beer Tent"

at the Grayling Eagles Yard Friday, 11 am - ??

Saturday 11 am to 6 pm

Saturday: hamburger/hotdog cook-out~ Open to public

Saturday, July 26th

29th Annual GRA10k & 1 Mile Fun Run

9 am start & finish at the Grayling High School

Pancake Breakfast

8 am to 10 am at Michelson Memorial Church

Classic Car Show

9 am to 2 pm on East Michigan Avenue, Uptown Grayling

Food Court

10 am to 6 pm on West Michigan Avenue

Horseshoe Tournament

10 am at Grayling Eagles outdoor horseshoe pits

Grayling Rotary Club BBQ

Noon- 6pm Outdoor BBQ- 1/2 BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Roll, Butter, Drink \$7 Per person for all ages at the American Legion Post 106

Ice Cream Social

Noon - 4 pm at Michelson Methodist Church

AuSable River Festival "Celebrate Grayling" Parade

on Michigan Avenue

Shagbark Angus Challenge Race-

at 3pm

RE/MAX of Grayling Hot Air Balloon Rides

7 pm to 9 pm behind the Chamber Building in Grayling City Park

Michigan Museum of Military Transport

Historical Military Vehicle Display in the Crawford County Courthouse parking lot

Sunday, July 27th

2008 Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour

A Grayling Rotary Club Event

8 am shotgun start on Michigan Avenue

Students design kids T-shirt for marathon

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

AuSable River Canoe Marathon spectators and festival goers will have an opportunity to don an artistic collaboration, from a trio of AuSable Primary School students, on a commemorative T-shirt.

For the second year in a row, the AuSable Canoe International Marathon committee spearheaded a contest encouraging youngsters to design a T-shirt that will be sold during the largest festival in the community.

Cheryl Millikin, the AuSable Primary School librarian, volunteered to coordinate the design contest with school teachers.

AuSable Canoe International Marathon committee members Cheryl McCurdy, Joe Wakeley and Phil Weiler judged the 200 submissions for the contest. They went through the hard work and decided to use three of the submissions to collaborate a design for the 61st annual AuSable River Canoe Marathon T-shirt.

Anna Fisher, the daughter of Tamara and Fred Fisher who was a second grader in Kelly Moffit's class, submitted a drawing that included three canoes on the river. Elliot Engbers, the son of Julie and Todd Engbers who was in Cheryl Hatfield's second grade class, had the text from his drawing included in the shirt design. And Logan Trumble, the son of Jessie and Ira Trumble who was in Denise Edwards' kindergarten class, had a map of the race course stretching from Grayling to Oscoda, including the bridges paddlers pass and the dams they have to portage, on the T-shirt.

"It was really hard to come up with just three designs because they were all so good, artistic and they really came up with some cute designs," McCurdy said.

The shirts will be sold in kids sizes for \$12. Adult sizes of the shirt, which will sell for \$18, are also being sold this year since several adults requested the kids shirts when they were made for the first time last year.

The contest winners received a free T-shirt that they can wear during the marathon festivities.

Jessie Trumble said that Logan, who saw a movie on the AuSable River Canoe Marathon just before doing his drawing, was excited to show off his artwork once he received his T-shirt.

"He had to switch to his shirt right away, and he shows everyone that we see his shirt," she

said.

Anna Fisher said she was tickled to show off her rendition of canoe competitors racing down the river.

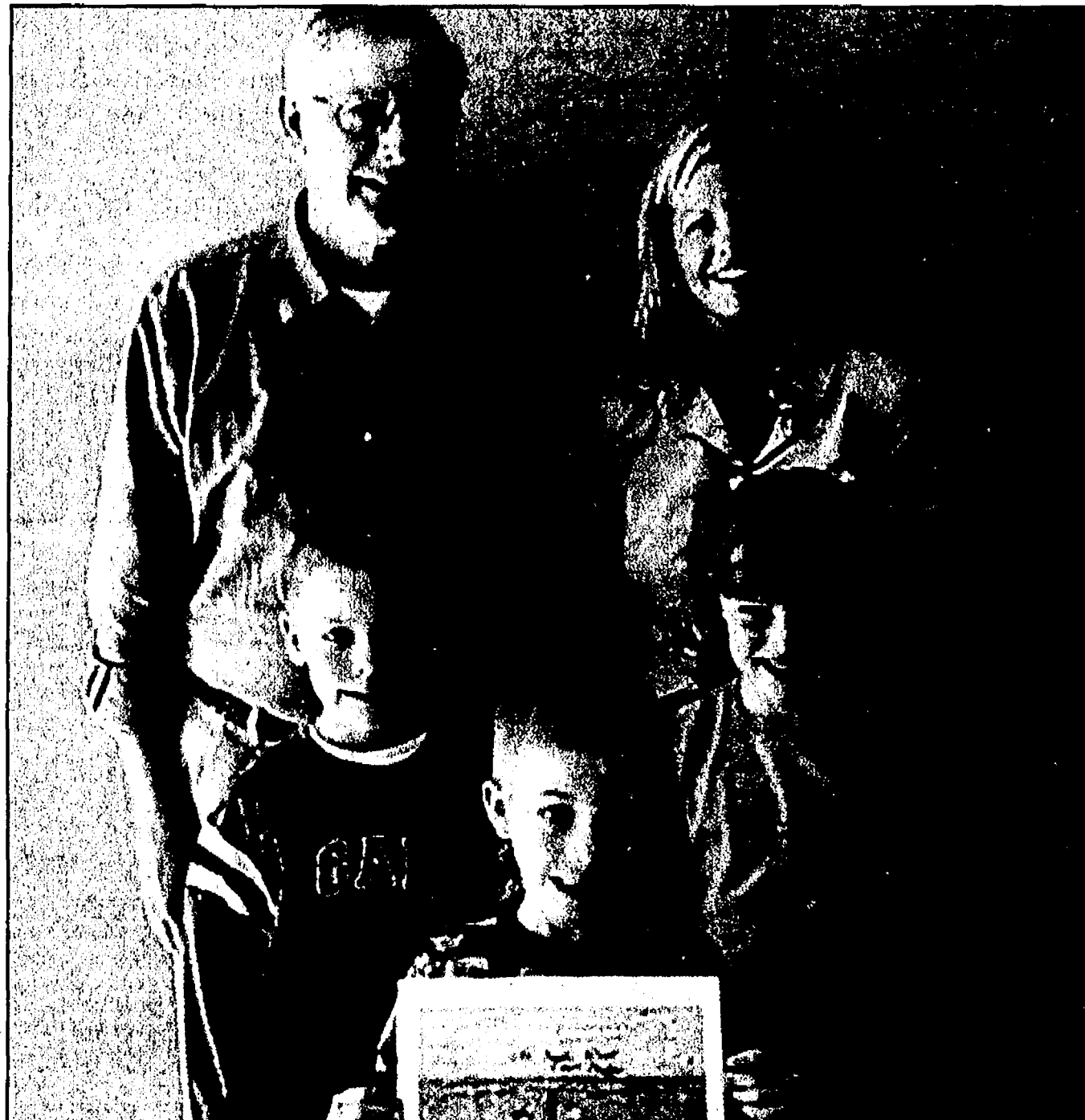
"It's nice that people will be

able to see what I drew and that I did a good job," she said.

McCurdy said the kids T-shirt contest is a tradition that the AuSable River International Canoe Marathon Committee

plans to continue.

"It's a new tradition that we want to keep going to get the kids in the community involved with the marathon and the festivities," she said.



For the second year in a row, the AuSable Canoe International Marathon committee spearheaded a contest encouraging youngsters to design a T-shirt that will be sold during the largest festival in the community. Above, contest winners Elliot Engbers, Logan Trumble and Anna Fisher are pictured with AuSable Canoe International Marathon committee members Joe Wakeley and Cheryl McCurdy. Below is the final design for the T-shirt.



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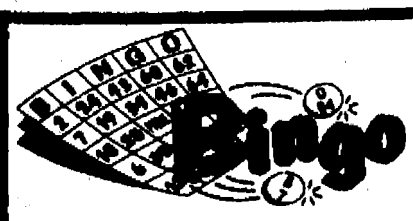
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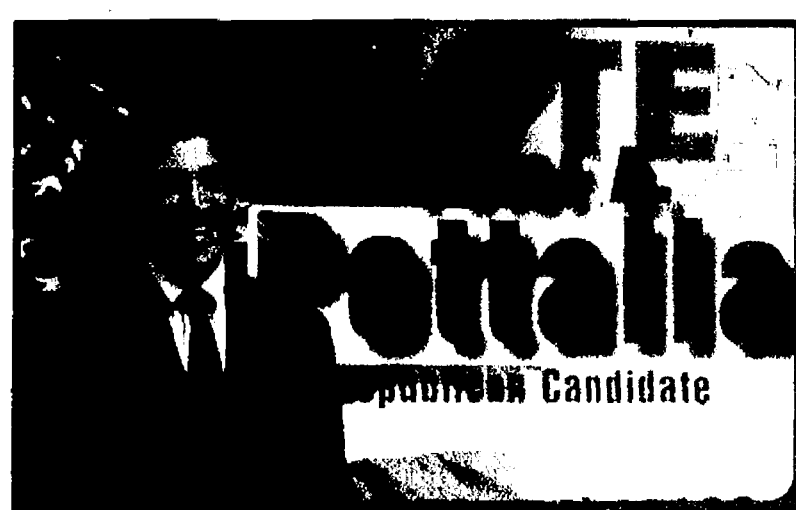
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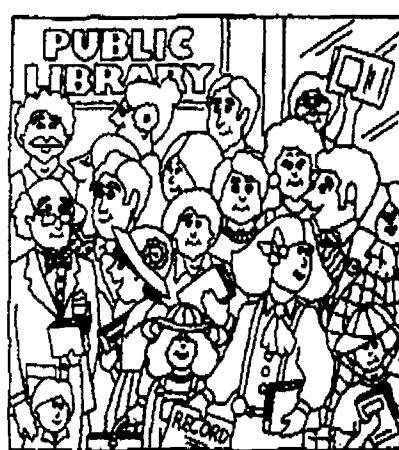
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Diocese offers Voting for Common Good workshops

The Diocese of Gaylord Secretariat for Justice and Peace will offer a workshop - Saving Democracy: Voting for the Common Good - this month.

The program will last two hours and is being offered in two locations. The first is at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 24, at St. Mary Cathedral Parish Hall in Gaylord and the second is at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 25, at St. Francis Parish, Traverse City.

The presenter will be Sr. Simone Campbell, SSS, the Executive Director of NETWORK, a National Catholic Social Justice Lobby.

Campbell is a religious leader, attorney and poet with extensive experience in public policy and advocacy for systemic change. In Washington, Campbell lobbies on issues of peace building and economic justice. Around the country she is a noted speaker and educator on these public policy issues.

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Sr. Simone Campbell

to face any despair of our country and world and find hope that leads to the appropriate positive role for government and individuals.

Campbell will share her stories and poetry from Washington, DC, the Middle East and around the United States, providing a new perspective that can offer renewed energy for the election process, and also for the post-election world.

The workshops are open to anyone.

Trailer rollover diverts traffic

An accident, caused when a camper trailer separated from a vehicle, slowed traffic on northbound I-75 on Saturday.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said that deputies were dispatched to a rollover accident on northbound I-75,

near Four Mile Road in Beaver Creek Township, at 4:03 p.m. on Saturday, July 19.

Upon arrival, deputies discovered that a camper trailer, being towed by Gregory Cyr, 44 of Sterling Heights, had lost traction and swerved back and forth across three lanes of traffic on I-75. The camper separated from the tow vehicle and rolled into the median. The camper was a total loss. No one in the tow vehicle was injured.

Traffic was diverted down to one lane of I-75 for approximately three hours while crews cleaned up the scene.

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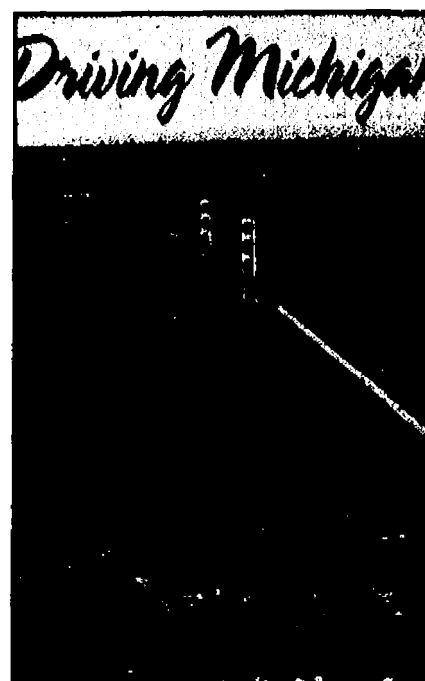
Grayling highlighted in new book by northern Michigan author

How did Grayling get its name? What about Crawford County and Hartwick Pines? What do old lumberjack terms like cootie cage and killdad mean? How long is the AuSable River Canoe Marathon? Who was Fred Bear?

Now, drivers and passengers along I-75 have the answers to these questions and many, many more in a new, best-selling book titled, "Driving Michigan: Mile by Mile on I-75." The book by northern Michigan author Leslie Mertz follows the nearly 400 miles of freeway on its path through the Upper and Lower Peninsulas, and targets history, trivia, legends, animals, plants, geology and other topics at hundreds of milemarkers and exits along the way.

"Driving Michigan offers a look at the state as seen through the window of your car while you drive up or down I-75," Mertz said. "The book is arranged with the same exit and milemarker numbers you see as you drive along the expressway from one end of the state to the other. You can just look up the exit or milemarker number closest to the one you're passing in your car, and start reading about that part of I-75."

Travelers heading north can read the entries from the front of the book to the back, while southbound travelers can read the entries from the back of the book to the front. For those who want information on a specific topic — logging, shipwrecks or legends for instance — the book also has a complete index. It also includes a comprehensive bibliography for students, teachers and others who want to do a little more research on their



A northern Michigan author highlights Grayling in her new book titled "Driving Michigan: Mile by Mile on I-75."

own. In addition, the 312-page book is sprinkled with trivia questions at basic, intermediate and advanced levels to challenge drivers and passengers of all ages, and to help the miles race by.

"This book is for every curious person who has ever looked out the window of the car and wondered about what they see out there. From what I'm hearing, adults, young adults, teens and kids are all enjoying it," Mertz said.

"Driving Michigan: Mile by Mile on I-75" is Mertz's eighth book. She is a freelance writer, educator and field biologist who has lived in seven different counties in the state of Michigan, both in the Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula. She currently resides in Kalkaska in northwestern Michigan.

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Grayling High School student Jacob Demaray, age 14, put the slam on a 195 lb. feral hog in Michigan's thumb at a hunting preserve. Shown here with his friends and mentors are (L to R) Dan Holbrook, Dr. Michael Ritchie and Demaray. "Jacob made a perfect shot with a 270 wsm," said Holbrook, who drives a bus for Grayling schools. Jacob took hunter's safety last year and participated in Michigan's early youth deer hunt. "We told Jacob if he took care of business in school this year, we would take him on a hog hunt," says Ritchie. "He raised his grades to A's and B's this year and we couldn't be prouder of him."

GHS ALUMNI AND SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The Grayling High School Alumni Association has disbanded due to the lack of members willing to serve on the board of directors or various committees. There will no longer be an Alumni banquet held in September of each year.

Our thanks goes out to Clara Sorenson, Diana Doremire and Sharon Hagerman for all their dedication and years of service.

The Scholarship Committee still exists and will continue as before. The 2008 scholarships were presented at Grayling High

School on May 15, 2008. The recipients were: Matt McDonald, J. Ethan Lynch, Ethan Neuberger, Cassandra Pizzi and Andy Currison for the Borchers Scholarships; Timothy VanNuck, Lacey Hollingsworth, Jessica Fowler and Jessica Baker for the

Alumni Scholarships; Fawn Filley for the American Business Women Scholarship; Gabrielle Calkins and Renee Clair for the Katie Nave scholarship; Scott Myers for the Robert Sorenson scholarship and Isaac VanNuck for the Clara Sorenson scholarship.

HONORS

Central Michigan University
Central Michigan University announced its May 2008 graduates. From Grayling, Craig Cobb received a Master of Arts and Payal Khanna received a Master of Science in administration. Robert VanNuck, of Frederic,

received a Bachelor of Science in business administration.
Spring Arbor University
Spring Arbor University announced that Thomas Lamie, of Grayling, received a Master of Arts/Org Mgmt on Saturday, May 17.

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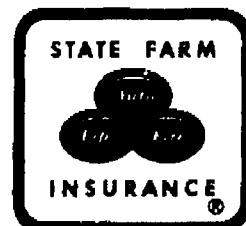
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Give kids a boost. It's the new law

Booster seats are nothing new, and experts have long recommended their use up to age eight, but beginning July 1, a new Michigan law mandates that all children be in a booster seat until they are age eight or 4' 9" tall. Children must be in a seat until they reach the age requirement or the height requirement, whichever comes first.

"This law is a real win for Michigan's children," said Michigan Department of Community Health Director Janet Olszewski. "The combined use of booster seats and seat belts will save lives and decrease injuries."

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death of children. In many cases these deaths could have been prevented by properly using a child passenger safety seat.

When used correctly, child safety seats are 71 percent effective in reducing fatalities and 50 percent effective in preventing minor injuries.

"Research has shown that child safety seats do save lives," Office of Highway Safety Planning Director Michael L. Prince said. "These seats are designed to lift children up and make safety belts fit their smaller bodies better. We want all parents to recognize the importance of child safety seats and use them correctly and consistently."

To raise awareness about the

new law, television and radio public service announcements are airing across the state. Statewide partners, including Meijer stores, Celebration Cinemas and Goodrich Quality Cinemas, have agreed to air the spot in their businesses and the ad will run in all Michigan Welcome Centers and Secretary of State offices.

Eye-catching billboards will dot Michigan's highways this summer thanks to donated space from the Outdoor Advertising Association.

An informational flier is being distributed to licensed day care centers, hospitals, WIC offices and many other organizations who are involved with families and children.

"It is vital to reach as many people as possible with this message and we thank our many partners for their support and work to help keep kids safe," Prince said.

This is a primary enforcement law, so a police officer can stop a vehicle if the officer sees an improperly restrained child and issue a citation which could end up costing parents \$65 to \$165 in fines and fees for each unrestrained child in the vehicle.

The legislation, which was introduced by Sen. Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelanau, was signed by Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm on March 27.

For more information about child passenger safety seats and the new law, visit <http://www.michigansafekids.org/>.

HONORS

International Academy of Design and Technology

Sarah Golnick, of Grayling, was awarded a certificate of honor in recognition of excellent academic performance for the spring term of 2008 at the International Academy of Design and Technology-Detroit. She is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Interior Design.

Sarah is the daughter of Chris and Linda Golnick of Grayling and a 2003 graduate of Grayling High School.

Bake sale helps stop 'littering'

Proceeds from the sale of tasty pastries, muffins and coffee cakes recently raised enough money to initiate the "Please Stop Littering Fund" to help spay local cats and reduce the amount of unwanted litters in Crawford County.

Pastry chef Judy Smith, of Riverwoods Specialty Desserts, and Shirley Sanders, of Grayling Hospital for Animals (GHFA), organized the "Not Your Average Bake Sale" held on July 12 at Glen's Market. Along with a team of volunteers and GHFA staff members, and in partnership with the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter (AVAS), the group raised more than \$1,071. The bulk of the hundreds of tasty items sold were created and donated by Smith.

"This sale was a huge success," said AVAS shelter director Cheryl Postma. "With the funds raised by these generous people, we will help more than 30 female cats get spayed in our area. That means we potentially avoid the births of hundreds of kittens into an already overblown cat population."

A female cat, left unaltered and roaming, can produce more than a hundred kittens in her lifetime, and her kittens will do the same if they remain unaltered.

"It's not difficult to do the math," remarked Cheryl Ruley, AVAS secretary/treasurer. "We're talking about saving thousands of lives by altering the initial 30 female cats. When cat owners have their girls spayed, they no longer have to endure the yowling during heat cycles, which is the biggest reason they let them out of the house. The girls meet up with unaltered males, who may instinctively travel from a mile or so away. Not long after, cat owners find themselves with a litter of kittens they don't want to deal with."

Over the years, the shelter and GHFA have been heartbroken to find kittens abandoned on their doorsteps and elsewhere, often in frigid temperatures or soaked by rain and often very sick. Animal abandonment is not only inhumane, it is illegal, no matter what

the cat owner's circumstance.

The shelter is currently full of kittens and adult cats awaiting adoption. There is often no room to take in litters of kittens without causing the shelter cat population to rise beyond Michigan Department of Agriculture standards. Because AVAS doesn't use euthanasia as a means of population control, the shelter can't always accept litters of kittens or adult cats.

"Hardly a day goes by that we don't hear from a frazzled cat owner asking us to take the kittens off their hands," Postma said. "Pet owners must understand we will not euthanize those animals already awaiting adoption in order to take in their cats. If they would just get their girls spayed, this problem could, for the most part, be resolved."

"We are so often asked what a cat owner is supposed to do with their cat or litter of kittens," said Postma. "If we have no room, all we can offer is advice on how to find homes for them and place their name on our waiting list. But they have to get mama cat spayed."

The most often mentioned reason why owners do not have their pets spayed or neutered is affordability. This new program will help low income cat owners afford surgery. While everyone at AVAS and GHFA would like to help alter all companion animals, the "Please Stop Littering Fund" is exclusively for female cat alteration at this time. AVAS is currently working to arrange a low cost male cat clinic.

Through the program, the cost will be \$20 to the cat's owner with the remaining cost of the surgery to be paid through the Please Stop Littering Fund. Owners of female cats wishing to take advantage of this opportunity should call the shelter at 348-4117. This program is limited to residents of Crawford County.

To help keep this fund from depletion, donations may be made to AVAS, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738-0384. Be sure to write "Please Stop Littering" in the memo area of your check.

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2008 AuSable River Canoe Marathon Entry List

Who's registered for this year's AuSable River Canoe Marathon? Seventy-eight paddling teams were signed up as of Monday, July 21, according to the event's official Web site, www.ausablecanoeamarathon.org. Teams are listed in order of scheduled sprint times.

Sprint Order	Canoe Number	Paddler	Paddler	Sprint Day/Time	Sprint Order	Canoe Number	Paddler	Paddler	Sprint Day/Time
1	46	John Lucey	Cheryl Lucey	Thursday 4:00	40	93	David Dahl	Doug Berg	Thursday 8:05
2	17	Eric Dittenber	Frank Taber	Thursday 4:05	41	95	Travis Harrison	Brad Reed	Thursday 8:10
3	47	Jeff DeFeo	Carina Peritore	Thursday 4:10	42	79	Doug Moggo	Josh Moggo	Thursday 8:15
4	32	Jeff Janish	Julie Janish	Thursday 4:15	43	35	Chuck Moggo	Nick Lyesluk	Thursday 8:20
5	28	Vicki Cummings	Del Cummings	Thursday 4:20	44	31	Joe Dunalsky	Io Harberts	Thursday 8:25
6	00	Robert Bradford	Janet Bradford	Thursday 4:25	45	12	Real Carriere	Solomon Carriere	Thursday 8:30
7	11	Rick Joy	Brad Gross	Thursday 4:30	46	22	Lee Barnett	Colin Hunter	Thursday 8:35
8	98	Joe Frost	Randy Allison	Thursday 4:35	47	40	Fred Mills	Joseph Seifert	Thursday 8:40
9	02	Allen Limberg	Barbara Bradley	Thursday 5:00	48	14	Bill Torongo	Matt Rimer	Thursday 8:45
10	07	John Langstaff	Kevin Ornatowski	Thursday 5:05	49	81	Tony Short	Brad Bauer	Friday 2:00
11	30	Lee Jarpey	Keith Canny	Thursday 5:10	50	86	Amy Solak	Lisa Tambussi	Friday 2:05
12	58	Tim McClure	Ryan McClure	Thursday 5:15	51	60	Mark Bialek	Jason Hatfield	Friday 2:10
13	27	Dwight Walker	Bill Kanost	Thursday 5:20	52	20	Katrice Church	Mark Church	Friday 2:15
14	18	Ryan Harris	Matt Helebuyck	Thursday 5:25	53	82	David Teddy	Russ Reker	Friday 2:20
15	89	Matt Streib	Steve Kolonich	Thursday 5:40	54	75	Bill Briggs	Chuck Ryan	Friday 2:25
16	09	Sean Casey	Al Widling, Sr.	Thursday 5:45	55	54	Connie Cannon	Lynne Witte	Friday 2:40
17	56	Brandon Pollen	Daniel Goss	Thursday 5:50	56	62	Mark Koenig	David Timmerman	Friday 2:45
18	99	Justin Griffith	Rejean Huard	Thursday 5:55	57	33	Michael Kies	David Kies	Friday 2:50
19	84	Nate Winkler	Garth Greenan	Thursday 6:00	58	80	William Smutek	Jim Mangutz	Friday 2:55
20	26	Joe Pollock	Troy Harrison	Thursday 6:05	59	21	Brandon Gerardy	Steve Leppard	Friday 3:00
21	49	Ray Trudgeon	Matt Rudnitsky	Thursday 6:10	60	19	Rodney Matthews	Karl Wainwright	Friday 3:15
22	23	Flash Marsh	Brad Wilson	Thursday 6:20	61	37	Larry Frederick	Dick Kloss	Friday 3:20
23	42	Jon Thompson	Todd VanDeVen	Thursday 6:25	62	29	Ted Matthews	Jerry Killingbeck	Friday 3:25
24	90	Robert Smith	Cameron McClain	Thursday 6:30	63	66	Brad Solak	Frank Smutek	Friday 3:30
25	96	Rich Kent	Chris Kucharek	Thursday 6:35	64	83	Shaun Koos	Ray Bauer	Friday 3:35
26	24	Jordan Wakeley	Justin Denno	Thursday 6:40	65	73	Greg Nelson	Armin Lopez	Friday 3:40
27	15	Grant Tally	Tim Feldkamp	Thursday 6:45	66	53	Martin Spees	Dave Lawe	Friday 3:55
28	77	Ray Wonders, Sr.	Ray Wonders, Jr.	Thursday 6:50	67	91	Ryan Matthews	Chris Curley	Friday 4:00
29	13	Josh Taylor	Matt Meersman	Thursday 6:55	68	43	Tucker Heller	Luke Magnusson	Friday 4:05
30	87	Rodney Halstead	Ryan Halstead	Thursday 7:00	69	68	Steve Krantz	Joey Kinsel	Friday 4:10
31	01	Andrew Triebold	Steve Lajoie	Thursday 7:15	70	97	Luc Pruneau	Francis Dagenais	Friday 4:15
32	06	Michael Garon	Doug Gillin	Thursday 7:25	71	41	Heather Compton	Ellen Thompson	Friday 4:20
33	36	Don Brooks	Steve Bis	Thursday 7:30	72	88	Jay Wichert	Tony Medina	Friday 4:25
34	66	Steve Watson	Jeff Rankinen	Thursday 7:35	73	78	Michael Schlimmer	Benedict Schlimmer	Friday 5:05
35	08	Nick Walton	Pete Mead	Thursday 7:40	74	48	Ray Quick	Daniel Rabinkin	Friday 5:10
36	51	Neil LeBlanc	Brenda Bowie	Thursday 7:45	75	45	Andrew Tenbusch	Skip Conant	Friday 5:15
37	94	Ted Smutek	Brittany Smutek	Thursday 7:50	76	69	Chris Scully	Bob Stockton	Friday 5:20
38	57	Jeff Baerlocher	Brian Royce	Thursday 7:55	77	34	Tim Chapple	Carrie Montgomery	Friday 5:25
39	03	Josh Sheldon	Joe Shaw	Thursday 8:00	78	70	Madelen Johnson	Joe Johnson	Friday 5:30

2008 AuSable Marathon could break last year's record for most teams

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This year's record or near-record field was somewhat unexpected, said race committee member Joe Wakeley.

"Actually, most of us (on the race committee) thought this would be a down year because of the economy, and with last year's spike in numbers with the 60th anniversary. We thought numbers would be down, but that's not the case, so I'm actually surprised," Wakeley said.

This year's roster of participants includes five former AuSable River Canoe Marathon champions — Allen Limberg (2006), Matt Rimer (2007), Andrew Triebold (2007, 2004), Steve Lajoie (2004), and Solomon Carriere (1994, 1993, 1984). Limberg is racing with Barb Bradley this year, and Carriere is racing with his son, Real. Rimer is teamed with Bill Torongo, who has placed as high as third during his 24 previous AuSable Marathons. Triebold and Lajoie, who won as a team in 2004, are reuniting in 2008.

Forty-one out of the 156 paddlers registered for this year's race will be competing in their first AuSable Marathon.

The oldest paddler listed for this year's race is Al Widling Sr., who is 83. Widling's partner is Sean Casey. The youngest racers listed are Ray Wonders Jr. and Daniel Goss, both of whom are 15. Wonders is racing with his father, Ray Wonders Sr. Goss is teamed with Brandon Pollen.

There are 12 mixed teams and three women's teams registered for the 2008 AuSable Marathon.

This year's field includes paddlers from 15 different states — Alaska, Washington, Florida, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Minnesota, New York, Connecticut, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, and Missouri — as well as competitors from Belize and Canada.

Which teams might finish in the top spots during this year's race?

Triebold and Lajoie won the event as a team in 2004, and Triebold won last year's AuSable Marathon with Rimer. Triebold and Lajoie have already won the first leg of the Triple Crown of Canoe Racing — the General Clinton Canoe Regatta, which was held in New York on Memorial Day — in 2008. They also won the Spike's Challenge C-2 race,

which runs from Grayling to McMasters Bridge, this past weekend.

Rodney Halstead and Ryan Halstead took third in the 2007 AuSable Marathon and second in the 2006 event. The Halsteads placed second in the 2007 Spike's Challenge and third in the 2008 Spike's Challenge.

Rimer, who won last year's AuSable Marathon with Triebold, is racing with Torongo this year. Torongo has finished in the top 10 several times during his 24 AuSable Marathon races, including an eighth place finish last year. Rimer and Torongo took seventh place at the 2008 General Clinton Canoe Regatta. They took second in the 2008 Spike's Challenge.

Other teams expected to compete for a top 10 finish include: Matt Streib (second place in last year's marathon) and Steve Kolonich (15 total marathons), Tony Short and Brad Bauer (fifth place as a team in last year's marathon), Rick Joy (31 total marathons, with a best finish of second) and Brad Gross (seventh in last year's marathon), Josh Taylor and Matt Meersman (sixth and ninth, respectively, last year), and Nick Walton and Pete Mead (10th place last year as a team).

The 2008 AuSable River Canoe Marathon begins with time trials for starting position, a two-day event set for Thursday, July 24, and Friday,

July 25. Time trials will be conducted at Penrod's from 4-9 p.m. on Thursday and 2-6 p.m. on Friday. At time trials, each AuSable Marathon team paddles a looped course, going downstream first, then heading upstream to the finish line.

The time trials usually provide a good forecast of which teams will finish in the top spots during the AuSable Marathon. In 2007, seven of the top 10 AuSable Marathon finishers posted top 10 sprint times, and no top 10 team from last year's race finished lower than 14th at time trials. In 2006, eight of the top 10 AuSable Marathon teams also placed in the top 10 at time trials.

On the night of the race, AuSable Marathon paddlers will line up on Peninsular Avenue near the Grayling Post Office according to sprint times. Rows are five wide, so the top five teams from time trials will be in the front row for the run to the river.

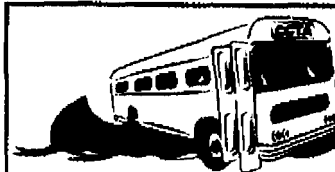
At 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 26, paddling teams will pick up their canoes and run to the AuSable River at the Old AuSable Fly Shop (the facility formerly used by Ray's Canoe Livery) and begin their 120-mile trip to Oscoda. Teams finish 14 to 19 hours later on Sunday, July 27. The journey is made primarily through the dark of night, and the race course includes several portages to bypass hydroelectric dams.

Several teams will not finish

the race. During the event, teams will withdraw due to injury, illness, equipment failure, or exhaustion, and some might be eliminated due to missing timing cutoffs at one of the race's 15 checkpoints. In 2007, 75 teams started the AuSable Marathon, and 58 of them reached the finish line. In 2006, 58 out of 64 teams finished the race.

The AuSable Marathon's pre-race program begins at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 26, at the Old AuSable Fly Shop. The paddler introduction ceremony is scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

For more on the AuSable River Canoe Marathon, visit the event's official Web site at www.ausablecanoeamarathon.org.



Crawford County Transportation

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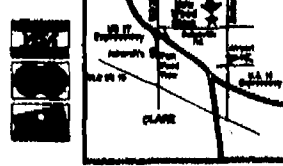
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Association to Rescue Kritters seeks volunteers

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Association to Rescue Kritters, a wildlife rehabilitation center based in St. Helen, is seeking more volunteers to help give wildlife a second chance.

The Association to Rescue Kritters (ARK) rehabilitates hundreds of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife each year. The goal is to return the animals to their natural habitats as soon as they are able to live independently. ARK also provides educational resources, such as the Birds of Prey program, to all people in the State of Michigan to promote a better understanding, treatment and appreciation of Michigan's wildlife population.

ARK was formed in January 2001 by Director Ruth Fruehauf and her husband Dennis. ARK volunteers rescue sick, injured and wayward wildlife and help them in their time of need in hopes of returning them to their natural habitat.

ARK volunteers are available

to help wildlife in Roscommon, Crawford, Ogemaw, Gladwin, Clare and Missaukee counties.

Fruehauf said volunteers primarily come from a 45 minute radius surrounding the rehabilitation center. Volunteers, when they are trained, also go out in the field to pick up sick and injured wildlife and to help assess their condition.

Currently, ARK is seeking volunteers to help out at the rehabilitation center, as regular helpers are being pulled away for summer and family obligations.

"It's a never ending battle," Fruehauf said. "There's always more animals than we have people."

Help is also needed for the rehabilitation center's fund raising efforts, which pay for specific formulas needed for infant wildlife and vaccinations to prevent them from spreading diseases to animals when they are set free.

"It's a very expensive hobby that we have here," Fruehauf said. "It's a commitment we've made to take better care of the animals that we bring in here. If they die when they come in here or get sick, then we are not doing them any favors."

Grayling wildlife artist Kim Diment is a volunteer for ARK. She has used ARK animals for her work, and has donated funds from the sale of her prints and artwork to the rehabilitation center.

"She's just a remarkable lady, and we're so blessed to have her as part of the group," Fruehauf said.

For more information about volunteering for ARK or to donate funds to the organization's rescue efforts, call (989) 389-3305.

"We're saving one animal at a time and our goal and our mission is to give them a second chance," Fruehauf said.

Voters will decide primary election races

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against Casey A. Viegela on the Democratic ticket. Casey Viegela is Howard Viegela's nephew. Neumann was appointed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm to serve as the State Fire Marshal, but resigned from the position to run for office. State office holders who are term limited must wait out a term before running for the seat again, said Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore.

The winners of the contest will face each other in November's general election.

Tom Casperson, Linda Goldthorpe and Don Hooper are running as Republican candidates for the 1st District U.S. Congressional seat. The winner will face incumbent Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, in the general election.

Voters will have to scale down a list of non-partisan candidates running for the 4th District Michigan Court of Appeals seat. The four candidates vying for the single seat include Eric Doster, Jim Howell, Michael Kelly and Paula Mansfield.

There is just one race at the county level in Crawford County in the primary election for the Crawford County Prosecuting Attorney's position. Everett "Trey" Ayers, a Grayling attorney, is challenging David R. Sabin for the county's chief law enforcement position. Sabin has served as the chief assistant prosecuting attorney for Crawford County for about 30 years. He has also served as the city attorney for the City of Grayling for 26 years. Longtime Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss is retiring at the end of the year, and is not seeking re-election.

In Beaver Creek Township, incumbent Township Supervisor Lee Riley is facing a challenge from Brian Ashton and Kathleen Pardo. Pardo, a former Beaver Creek Township trustee, waged a bid against Riley in the last elec-

tion for township supervisor.

Incumbent Beaver Creek Township Clerk Sharon K. Hartman is being challenged by Kim VanNuck.

Three people are vying for a pair of trustee seats on the Beaver Creek Township Board. Incumbent trustees Gary Summers and Meghan Little are being challenged by Billie Jo Miller for their positions on the board.

In Frederic Township, voters will decide on a .95 mill proposal, which would raise \$54,634 per year for five years, which would fund ambulance services if approved. Frederic Township voters will also decide a proposal to restore the township's two-mill levy to fund fire protection services, which would generate \$117,316 per year for four years if approved.

Incumbent Grayling Charter Township Treasurer Cindy Olson, who was appointed to the position last year by the township board, is being challenged by Cheryl Ruley for the position. Ruley ran for the treasurer's position in the last election.

Grayling Charter Township is expanding from two to four trustee positions since being established as a charter township last year.

Incumbent trustees Shawn Kraves and Dennis Long are facing a challenge from Duane Brooks, Linda Munsey, James Reed and Travis Roberts for their positions on the township panel.

The top four vote getters will face a slate of no-party affiliation candidates in the general election, Moore said.

In Lovells Township, Tamara Kengel and Jan Reynolds are running as Democrats for the township clerk's position. The winner will go on to face Republican Cynthia Infante in the general election. Longtime Lovells clerk Cheryl Hopp opted not to run for re-election.

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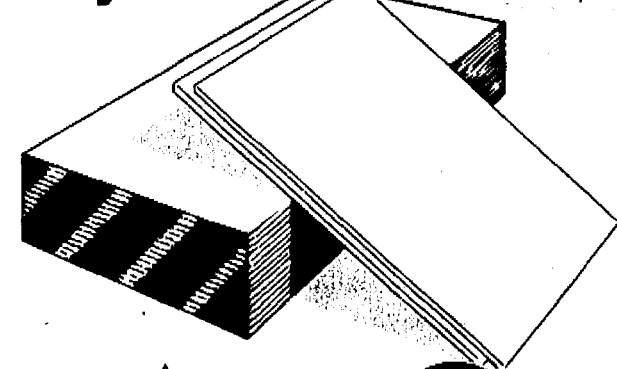
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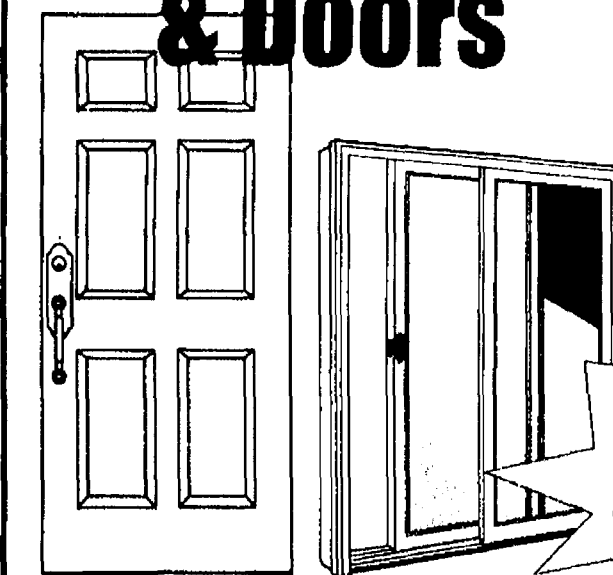
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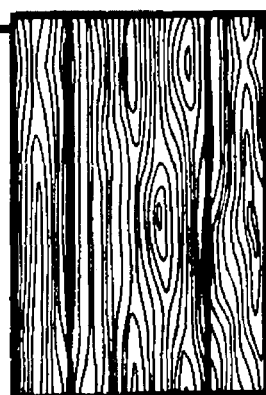
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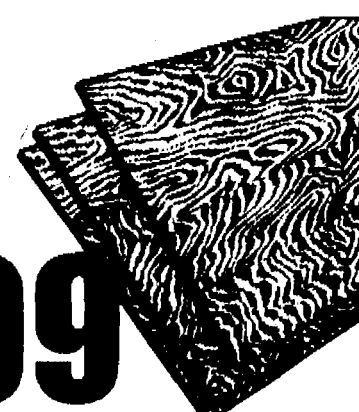
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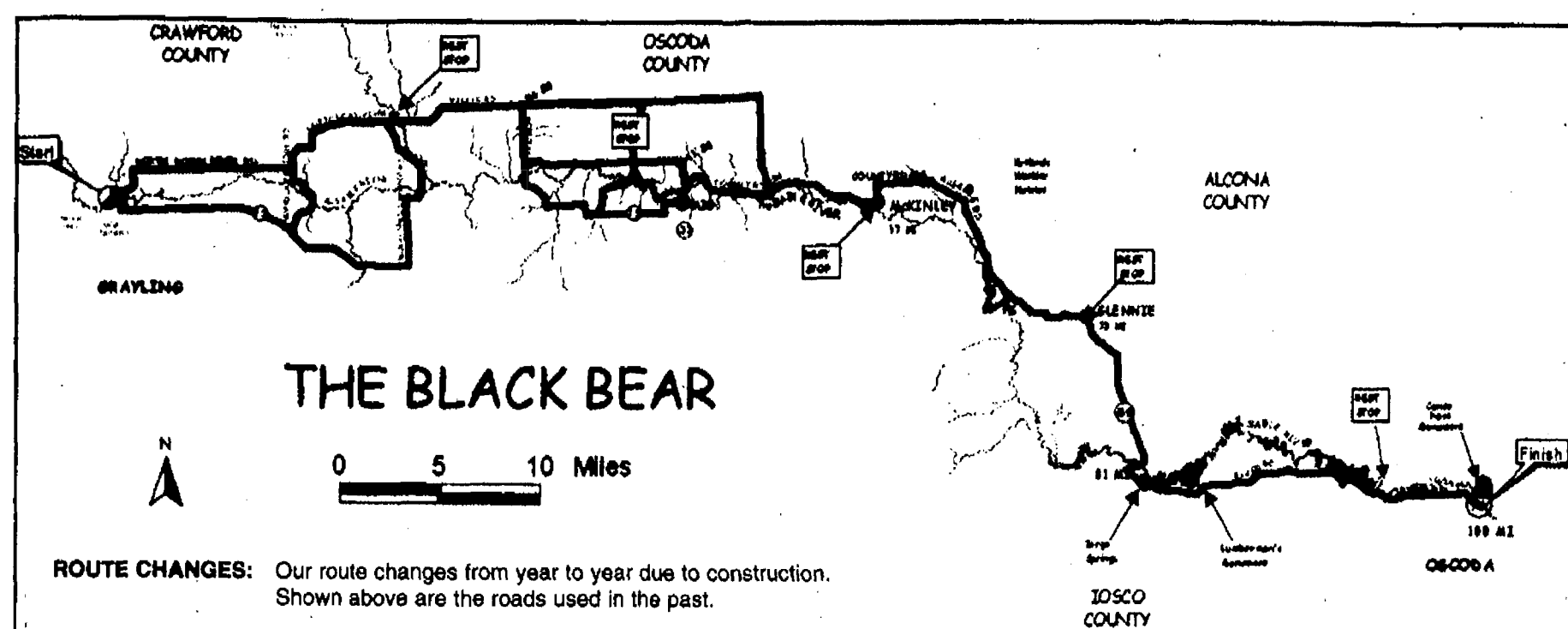
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Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour returns for 8th year of trying to catch the canoes



Participants of the 2007 Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour lined up on Michigan Avenue, downtown Grayling, on Sunday morning before they started their tour to Oscoda.

In 2001, 58 riders participated in the first Black Bear Bicycle Tour, conducted by the Grayling Rotary Club as a fund-raiser for service projects and as a way to bring additional visitors to the area. Since that first event, Avita Water and over 20 other sponsors have stepped forward trying to grow the event. Now entering the event's eighth year, the entry level in 2007 exceeded 300 riders and last year's event was given nationwide recognition by Bicycling Magazine as the "Cool Ride of the Month." Bicycling Magazine is the leading nationwide publication for bicyclists with a circulation of 310,000.

Eleven hours after the start of the AuSable Canoe Marathon, the riders of the bicycle tour wind a 100 mile route through the AuSable River Valley following the canoes to Oscoda. While the event is not a race, the riders are timed so they can have an official indication of how long it took them to cover the 100 mile route. Some of the riders choose to ride the course fast and others take a more casual pace.

Wayne Koppa, Rotary spokesperson, commented, "we encourage the riders to set their own pace and not overextend themselves. It can get very hot and very lonely between McKinley and Glennie where for many miles you never see anything but trees. For our downstate visitors, they just marvel at the fact that there are less than a dozen stops in 100 miles. We tell them anyone bitten by a bear during the event will be refunded their entire entry fee. When you're riding up the challenging Alcona hill, seventy miles into the ride, you think this would be a place where you could get your entry fee back."

Every penny that is raised goes to support Rotary service projects that include, but are not limited to, clean water projects for developing countries, bicycle helmets for children, economic development programs and the ongoing effort to eradicate polio from the planet.

Fred Fisher III, Rotarian and co-chair for this year's event, commented, "I am a long time follower and feeder for the Marathon, Go Bill, and this event is a great fit to bring people to the AuSable River Corridor that may not otherwise visit. You can combine bicycling with canoeing, camping, fishing and hiking. We are only a gas tank away from most of Michigan and this is another reason to stop and visit. As it gets more competitive in attracting visitors, this is another activity to offer. It is sur-

prising to us to have entries from across the nation and riders that come to the area to ride from Grayling to Oscoda at various times of the year."

A change this year will be the starting of riders in waves to spread them out. Wayne Koppa commented, "we will have several waves of riders leaving at different times. We are talking about next year and I think we will have something where riders will be spread out even more."

As the riders travel to Oscoda, there are five water and snack stops and flag workers at each corner to keep riders going in the right direction. In 2001, a rider missed a corner at Mio and rode halfway to Alpena before getting his bearings. He came into Oscoda a little after most of the riders. The water and snack stops in Fairview, McKinley and Glennie are run by volunteers from the local communities. Because the canoe marathon

goes through these areas in the middle of the night, they welcome the bicycle traffic and economic impact during the day.

The end of the ride offers one of the best views of the AuSable Canoe Marathon, with riders assembling at the Oscoda Back Bridge next to the AuSable River Store and Oscoda Canoe Rental, where they can observe the paddlers pass minutes before the finish line for the canoe race. Fred Fisher III explained, "the riders turn in their timing chips at Ace Rental and Lumber on River Road in Oscoda and then they get one of the best seats for watching the last few yards of the AuSable Canoe Marathon. Did I mention Go Bill?"

The Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour starts at 8 a.m. Sunday, July 27, in downtown Grayling. Participants can enter on the day of the event. Registration starts at 6 a.m. Early riders will be arriving in

Oscoda between 11:40 a.m. and noon. The last of the tour participants typically arrive as late as 5 p.m. Additional information on the event is available at 989-370-5757 and on the Web at <http://www.grayling-area.com/blackbear2008>.

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Ruley seeks new role as township treasurer

Grayling Charter Township resident Cheryl Ruley is hoping to serve her community as its next township treasurer.

In 2004, Ruley had a bitter-sweet experience while awaiting the election results. "On one hand, I was disappointed that my first bid to serve as Grayling Township Treasurer was unsuccessful. That feeling left quickly as I learned the library operating millage was approved," Ruley said. Ruley headed up the library millage campaign committee.

For more than six years Ruley worked as a reporter for the Crawford County Avalanche. "The time I spent at the Avalanche allowed me to get to know what makes this community tick," she said.

Ruley has served as the Animal Shelter of Crawford County's secretary/treasurer since September, 2001. She was instrumental in the budgeting and fund-raising that led to the construction of the new shelter facility, the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter.

"There were many people who

didn't believe we would ever build a new facility. Working closely with the Crawford County Board of Commissioners and our citizens, the dream came true in 2007," Ruley said.

Ruley has also served on the Crawford County Library Board of Trustees since November, 2004. She is currently in her second term as board president.

"I have enjoyed watching our library services and programs evolve to the point where our rural library system is considered one of the best in the state," she said. "The Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library has become the hub of the community."

Ruley's experience in finance started 30 years ago when she was hired as an expense account analyst for First Federal Savings and Loan in Detroit. "I learned every aspect of finance and budgeting for the main office and 48 branches," she said.

In 1989, while her husband was on active duty with the U.S. Navy in Alameda, Calif., Ruley worked in the Navy Housing

Office as a clerk and housing inspector.

"It became my mission to make Navy housing a bright, safe and wonderful place to live," said Ruley. "In less than two years, every playground was replaced, the graffiti was gone, street lights were replaced and buildings were repaired."

Ruley stated, "It is important to me to be fiscally responsible, realistic and ethical when handling taxpayer dollars. This year, our township budgeted over 18.5 percent of its million dollar budget on salaries, fringe benefits and retirement plans for the supervisor, clerk and treasurer. It's wonderful to offer fringe benefits to the employees, but is it ethical to have the taxpayers foot the entire bill for elected officials, plus a raise? So many people are having a hard time with the basics and many have little or no medical insurance. Yet, these are the same people who watched their property values fall, while their home's taxable value increased."

"Some fees are necessary to

ensure new buildings are constructed to code and that our household trash and recycling have a place to go, but the administrative fee slapped on your tax bills amounts to about \$64,000 in revenue for the township. Residents may wonder what they are getting for that money," said Ruley.

"While awaiting the outcome of the proposed theme park, we should keep a positive attitude and continue to remind Lansing there is life north of US10. We need to remain cautiously optimistic, yet very realistic, and continue seeking other ways of drawing businesses to Crawford County to increase job opportunities that garner more than minimum wage. That's what the industrial park property was first designated for in 2000."

Ruley added, "I believe open and honest dialogue is the only way to work through the issues facing our community. With the addition of two more voting trustees on the board, there will be more representation for the taxpayers."

Crawford County GOP to host Governor Tim Pawlenty

The Crawford County Republican Party (CCRP) announced that their Annual Lincoln Day Event will feature special guest, Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty. This year's event will be a luncheon

held on July 24, at the Old AuSable (formerly Ray's Canoe Livery). A social hour begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch to follow at 12 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and are available for purchase by contacting Sandra

Moore at 348-2154.

As a rising star in the Republican Party, Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty is frequently mentioned as a leading candidate for vice president. Upon entering office in 2002, the

governor resolved a \$4.5 billion deficit, the largest in the state's history, without raising taxes.

Among Governor Pawlenty's biggest accomplishments is dramatically overhauling his state's educational system, which delivered record funding increases for classrooms and eliminated wasteful spending. As a believer in free market capitalism, he led the nation in allowing Minnesotans to purchase prescription drugs from Canada and the United Kingdom. He has also cracked down on meth dealers, sex offenders and illegal immigration.

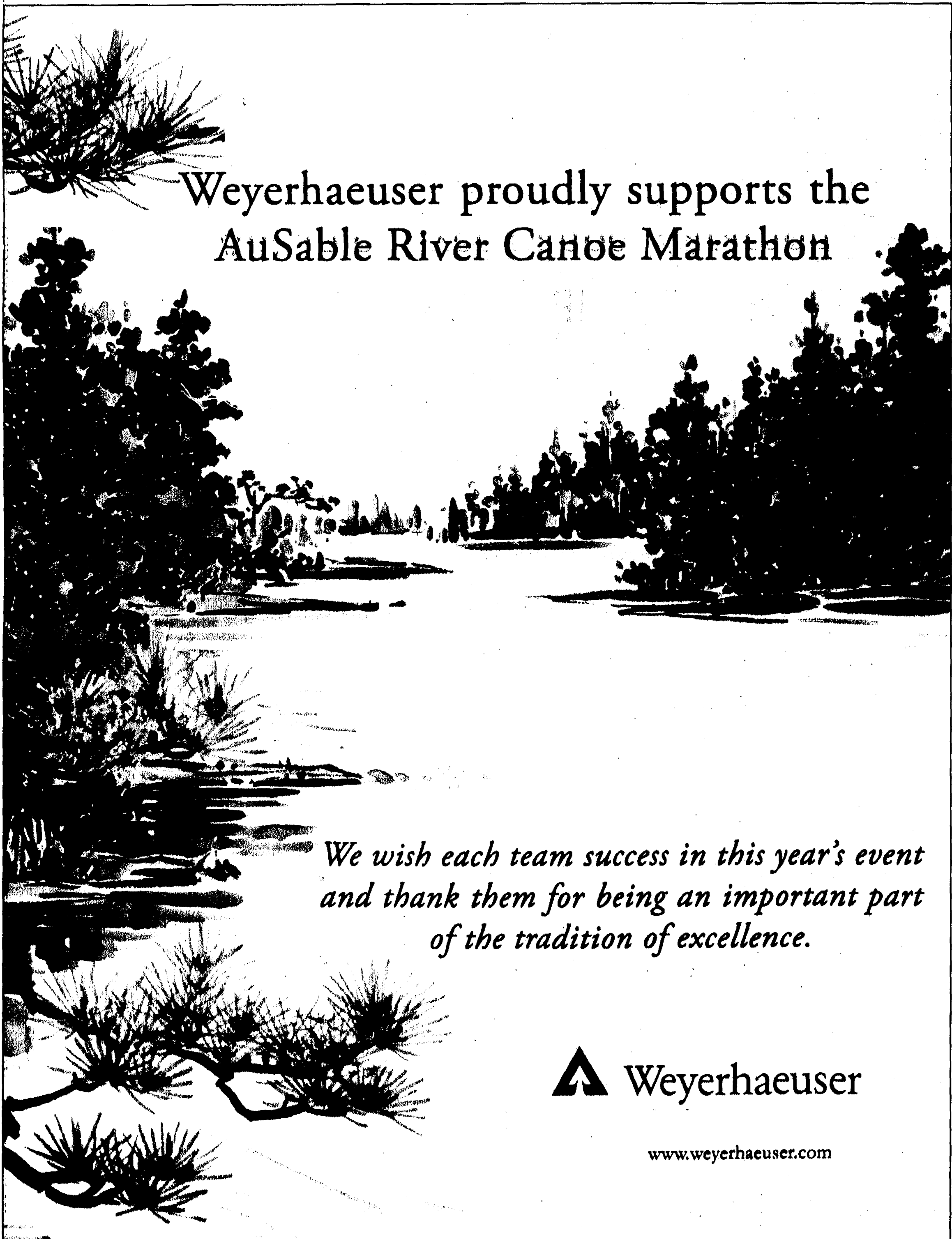
"I am pleased to bring Governor Pawlenty to Grayling so northern Michigan has the opportunity to hear from a governor that has controlled spending, reduced government waste and has created an environment that is creating jobs," said CCRP Vice-Chair Sam Moore.

"If you like what Jennifer Granholm has done for Michigan, you will love what Barack Obama will do for America," said Moore. "Michigan cannot afford more tax increases, more government regulation and more handouts. Our state is hemorrhaging jobs and Governor Granholm's policies stand in stark contrast to Governor Pawlenty -- he is a breath of fresh air."

The people of Minnesota re-elected Governor Pawlenty to his second term in November of 2006. Since then, he has undertaken an aggressive reform agenda, focusing on common-sense conservative solutions for education, health care, agriculture and crime.

He currently serves as Chairman of the National Governor's Association and will serve as host of the Republican National Convention in Minneapolis in 2008. The governor and his wife, Mary, have two children and reside in Eagan, Minnesota.

"We are excited to hear from one of the nation's finest governors," said Linda Munsey, Chair of the CCRP. "Michigan would be a dramatically different state with a better economy if we had a strong leader like Governor Pawlenty."



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Bill Torongo and Matt Rimer approach the finish line at McMasters Bridge during Sunday's Spike's Challenge C-2 race. Torongo and Rimer placed second.



Rod Halstead and Ryan Halstead run with their canoe to the AuSable River during the start of the Spike's Challenge. The Halsteads finished third in the race.

Triebold, Lajoie win 2008 Spike's Challenge C-2 race

Seventy-four teams race from Grayling to McMasters Bridge

Andrew Triebold and Steve Lajoie, a team that won the 2004 AuSable River Canoe Marathon, finished first in Sunday's Spike's Challenge C-2 race – an event that begins in Grayling and ends at McMasters Bridge – with a time of 2:34:56.

Bill Torongo and Matt Rimer took second place in the Expert Class with a time of 2:39:11. Rod Halstead and Ryan Halstead were only two seconds behind Torongo and Rimer, finishing in third place with a time of 2:39:13.

Colin Hunter and Lee Barnett took fourth (2:39:45) and Josh Taylor and Matt Meersman finished fifth (2:41:06). Brad Bauer and Tony Short placed sixth (2:42:36). Pete Mead and Nick Walton were seventh (2:44:00). Ray Trudgeon and Matt Rudnitsky took eighth (2:44:10) and Brad Gross and Rick Joy finished ninth (2:45:45). Mark Bialek and Jason Hatfield were 10th (2:46:20).

Other top 20 teams included: 11) Doug VanMeter and Tom Trudgeon, 2:47:19; 12) Mike Bradford and Ken Kolonich, 2:47:58; 13) Jeff Rankinen and Steve Watson, 2:48:16; 14) Steve Krantz and Joey Kimsel, 2:49:24; 15) Russ Reker and David Teddy, 2:49:28; 16) Tim McClure and Ryan McClure, 2:50:23; 17) John Hugus and Allen Limberg, 2:51:41; 18) Joe Johnson and Jim Larsen, 2:53:37; 19) Bob Smith and Cameron McClain, 2:54:48; 20) Continued on Page 2B See "TRIEBOLD, LAJOIE..."



Photos by Caleb Casey

Paddling teams enter the river at the Old AuSable Fly Shop during the start of the 2008 Spike's Challenge C-2 race on Sunday, July 20. Seventy-four teams raced in this year's event – 60 in the Expert Class and 14 in the Expert II Class.



Tony Short and Brad Bauer paddle past Burton's Landing on Sunday. Short and Bauer placed sixth in this year's Spike's Challenge.



Rick Joy and Brad Gross reach Stephan Bridge during Sunday's C-2 race. Joy and Gross finished ninth.

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Mark Bialek and Jason Hatfield approach Wakeley Bridge during Sunday's C-2 race.



Ray Trudgeon and Matt Rudnitsky paddle toward Wakeley Bridge during the Spike's Challenge on Sunday.

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Jon Thompson and Todd VanDeVen reach the finish line at McMasters Bridge.

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Triebold, Lajoie win 2008 Spike's Challenge C-2 race

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Jon Thompson and Todd VanDeVen, 2:55:23.

Carrie Montgomery and Tim Chapple won the Mixed Division with a time of 2:57:36. They finished 21st overall.

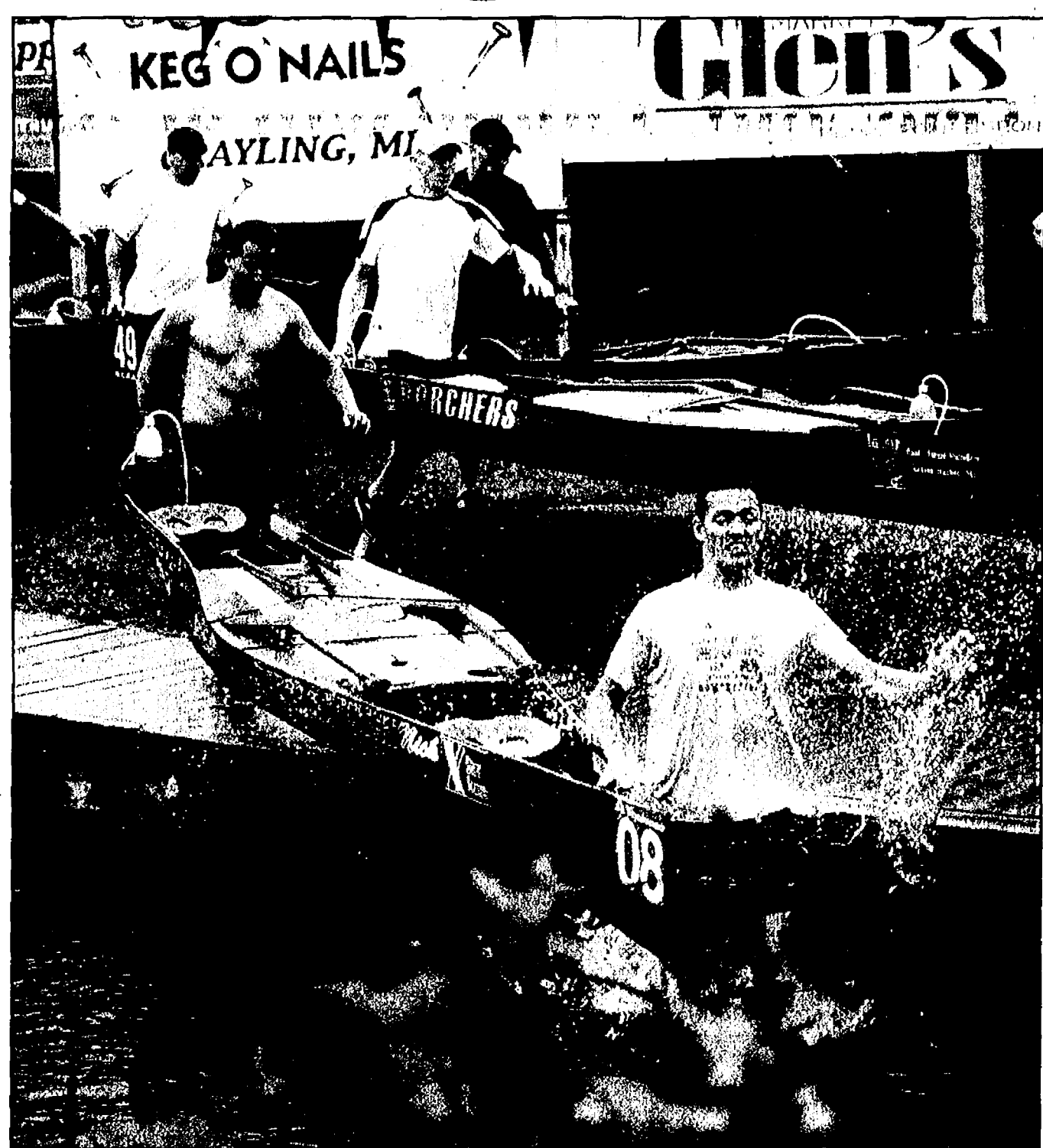
Lynne Witte and Connie Cannon won the Women's Division with a time of 3:05:41, finishing in 35th place overall.

Sixty teams competed in the Expert Class in this year's Spike's Challenge C-2 race. Another 14 teams competed in the Expert II Class for a total of 74 teams in this year's C-2 event.

Joey Frost and Randy Allison won the Expert II Class with a time of 3:13:00. Travis Harrison and Brad Reed took second (3:13:31) and Jorden Wakeley and Justin Denno finished third (3:14:50).

Complete results of this year's Spike's Challenge race are available on Page 3B, or on the Internet at the AuSable Marathon's official Web site, www.ausablecanoeamathon.org.

The Spike's Challenge C-2 event got under way on Saturday with sprints for starting position. Paddling teams completed a looped course on the pond at the city park to determine starting positions for Sunday's race start. On Sunday morning, teams lined up according to sprint times and ran with their canoes to the AuSable River at the Old AuSable Fly Shop. The C-2 race included the first four AuSable Marathon timing checkpoints - Burton's Landing, Stephan



Nick Walton and Pete Mead plunge into the AuSable River at the Old AuSable Fly Shop during the start of Sunday's Spike's Challenge C-2 race.

Bridge, Wakeley Bridge, and McMasters Bridge. Many AuSable River Canoe Marathon teams use the Spike's Challenge as a warm-up race. The 2008 AuSable Marathon, which has more than 70 teams registered, will start at 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 26, at the Old AuSable Fly Shop. The race ends at Oscoda on Sunday morning.

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Thursday Ladies League July 17, are as follows.
The standings for Thursday, In Flight 1, the wins were

Gust and Griffin with 69, K. Freer and Longendyke with 50, Baetens and Bradley with 50, Marshall and Hall with 49, Upton and Ferguson with 48.5 and Ostling and J. McKindles with 48.5. J. McKindles and Baetnes both had a low net score of 32. Gust had a birdie on hole #7, J. McKindles and Upton both had birdies on hole #3 and Longendyke and Baetens both had birdies on hole #8.

In Flight 2, DeMassa and

Witkins had a score of 60. Sullivan and M. McKindles had 58, Baker and Baldwin had 58, Finkbeiner and DiPonio had 54, Coors and B. Freer had 47 and Lederman and Bailey had 38. Baker had a low net score of 32.

In Flight 3, the team of Nester and Close came in with 72. Koutnik and Summerix with 70, Patchin and Deloge with 59, Kelsey and Funkey with 41, Hess and Spangler with 40 and Hanson and Walper with 32. Close had a low net score of 31.

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2008 Spike's Challenge C-2 Race Results

Race results courtesy of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon's official Web site, www.ausablecanoeamarathon.org.

Place	Canoe #	Paddler	Paddler	Time	Place	Canoe #	Paddler	Paddler	Time
01	1	Andrew Triebold	Steve Lajoie	2:34:56	39	119	Grant Tally	Tim Feldkamp	3:08:57
02	14	Bill Torongo	Matt Rimer	2:39:11	40	46	Cheryl Lucey	John Lucey	3:10:18
03	2	Rod Halstead	Ryan Halstead	2:39:13	41	108	Fritz Hansen	Jaya Elleson	3:10:25
04	22	Colin Hunter	Lee Barnett	2:39:45	42	73	Greg Nelson	Armin Lopez	3:10:35
05	163	Josh Taylor	Matt Meersman	2:41:06	43	96	Chris Kucharek	Rich Kent	3:10:40
06	81	Brad Bauer	Tony Short	2:42:36	44	27	Dwight Walker	Bill Kanost	3:12:28
07	8	Pete Mead	Nick Walton	2:44:00	45	45	Skip Conant	Andrew Tenbusch	3:13:58
08	49	Ray Trudgeon	Matt Rudnitsky	2:44:10	46	65	Bradley Solak	Frank Smutek	3:14:07
09	11	Brad Gross	Rick Joy	2:45:45	47	47	Carina Peritore	Jeff DeFeo	3:16:40
10	60	Mark Bialek	Jason Hatfield	2:46:20	48	107	Garth Greenan	Nate Winkler	3:17:55
11	106	Doug VanMeter	Tom Trudgeon	2:47:19	49	17	Eric Dittenber	Frank Taber	3:18:35
12	0	Mike Bradford	Ken Kolonich	2:47:58	50	661	Madelen Johnson	Tim Triebold	3:18:48
13	66	Jeff Rankinen	Steve Watson	2:48:16	51	30	Lee Jarpey	Keith Canny	3:19:11
14	68	Steve Krantz	Joey Kimsel	2:49:24	52	36	Dave Dahl	Doug Berg	3:19:48
15	147	Russ Reker	David Teddy	2:49:28	53	77	Ray Wonders Sr.	Ray Wonders Jr.	3:20:38
16	101	Tim McClure	Ryan McClure	2:50:23	54	193	Ellen Thompson	Heather Compton	3:21:03
17	39	John Hugas	Allen Limberg	2:51:41	55	0	Bob Bradford	Janet Bradford	3:21:47
18	134	Joe Johnson	Jim Larsen	2:53:37	56	95	Ed Adams	Rick Gillings	3:21:57
19	383	Bob Smith	Cameron McClain	2:54:48	57	194	Jim Mangutz	Rick Smutek	3:25:44
20	42	Jon Thompson	Todd VanDeVen	2:55:23	58	99	Justin Griffith	Rejean Huard	3:26:00
21	122	Carrie Montgomery	Tim Chapple	2:57:36	59	61	Chris Hewitt	Austin Weller	3:28:44
22	40	Fred Mills	Joe Seifert	2:57:36	60	53	Dale Newton	Laverne Young	drop
23	57	John Hollands	Jon Webb	2:58:08	Expert II				
24	79	Doug Moggo	Josh Moggo	2:58:28	Place	Canoe #	Paddler	Paddler	Time
25	220	Steve Bis	Don Brooks	2:59:30	01	198	Joey Frost	Randy Allison	3:13:00
26	26	Troy Harrison	Joe Pollock	2:59:55	02	95	Travis Harrison	Brad Reed	3:13:31
27	146	Ashley Marsh	Brad Wilson	2:59:58	03	V1	Jordan Wakeley	Justin Denno	3:14:50
28	9	Sean Casey	Al Widing Sr.	3:00:11	04	112	Ryan Matthews	Chris Curley	3:16:22
29	X	Neil Hanks	Beth Schluter	3:00:32	05	221	Matt Gabriel	Anthony Allison	3:17:10
30	48	Del Cummings	Vicki Cummings	3:01:26	06	125	Tom Cannon	Owen Cannon	3:19:02
31	98	Mike Montgomery	Ray Yehl	3:02:24	07	185	Casimer Lipinski	Tim Gilner	3:19:35
32	94	Ted Smutek	Brittney Smutek	3:03:29	08	Z	Isaac VanNuck	Tory Myers	3:20:04
33	144	Marty Spees	Dave Lawe	3:05:12	09	18	Ryan Harris	Matt Hellebuyck	3:21:06
34	41	Dick Kloss	Larry Frederick	3:05:19	10	88	Jay Wichert	Tony Medina	3:22:08
35	54	Lynne Witte	Connie Cannon	3:05:41	11	21	Stephen Leppard	Brandon Gerardy	3:22:27
36	29	Jerry Killingbeck	Ted Matthews	3:06:16	12	185A	Corey Metzger	William Fowler	3:28:25
37	196	Jason Kent	Ray Quick	3:07:42	13	212	Danny Medina	Martin Ecker	3:39:51
38	113	Rod Matthews	Kari Wainwright	3:08:16	14	93	Todd Bennett	Dave Hallman	3:44:34



Steve Krantz and Joey Kimsel paddle past Burton's Landing on Sunday morning.



Rod Matthews and Kari Wainwright reach Burton's Landing during Sunday's Spike's Challenge.

Triebold, Lajoie win 2008 Spike's Challenge C-2 race



Ken Kolonich and Mike Bradford approach Wakeley Bridge during Sunday's Spike's Challenge C-2 race.

GRAYLING COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

Submitted by Donna Thomson
Wednesday Ladies League

I guess we'll never be happy with the weather, as we have been waiting so long for a good hot day, and on Wednesday, July 16, that is exactly what we had. We had beautiful blue skies and would you believe we were all looking for the nearest shade tree? We won't complain though, as it might be winter tomorrow.

The girls were hot in their play today, as in Flight A, Lynda Hetrick took it all with a low net of 31 and low putts of 15.

In Flight B, Sherry Hanson had a low net of 31 while Juanita Brown and Sharon France had low putts of 16.

In Flight C, Evie Kent had a low net of 37. There was a four way tie for low putts of 16 between Diana Doremire, Evie

Kent, Ann Latusek and Mo McNamara.

To top that off, Marilyn Hartman had a chip-in on hole #4 and a birdie was had on hole #7 by Ruth Burger. Our birdie tree is looking better every week.

After a lunch of either a ham salad sandwich and a side or something off the menu, president Nancy Glasslee announced that next week we would be having our monthly meeting. She also reminded us that Guest Day is fast approaching. It will be on Aug. 6. Be thinking of who you would like to invite and how you can help to make this a great success and as much fun as last year.

We have a few little elves in our group that painted a Charlie Brown tree in green, halfway down on the right of hole #15. It is adorned with multi-colored

golf balls and it is so cute. I guess that's our Christmas in July. We all thought it was a neat idea. Now it could use a little garland, don't you think little elves?

Our course is looking better each week as the workers have been busy trimming around the base of all the trees. They have cleaned it up so nicely. There are also some beautiful plantings below the back deck. They are nice perennials in beautiful colors. A pretty sight to see as you approach hole #18. Also, on hole #11, all around the water are purple joe-pye weed wildflowers in full bloom.

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Fred Mills and Joe Seifert approach the finish line during their sprint on Saturday, July 19.

Nine of top 10 sprint teams finish in Spike's Challenge race's top 10

Triebold, Lajoie post best sprint time of the event at 04:19.3

The Spike's Challenge sprints for position – held on Saturday to determine starting positions for Sunday's run to the river – were once again a strong indicator of which teams would place in the top spots in the C-2 race from Grayling to McMasters Bridge.

This year, nine of the top 10 teams at sprints for position also finished in the top 10 during the Spike's Challenge C-2 race.

Andrew Triebold and Steve Lajoie, the winning team at this year's Spike's Challenge, posted the top sprint time (04:19.3) on Saturday.

Rod Halstead and Ryan Halstead finished second at sprints (04:29.8) and third in the Spike's Challenge on Sunday.

Pete Mead and Nick Walton took third at sprints (04:33.6) and seventh in the C-2 race.

Bill Torongo and Matt Rimer placed fourth at sprints (04:35.8) and second in the Spike's Challenge.

The fifth place team at sprints, Josh Taylor and Matt Meersman, also placed fifth in the Spike's Challenge. They posted a time of 04:38.3.

Ray Trudgeon and Matt Rudnitsky placed sixth (04:39.6) and eighth. Brad Bauer and Tony Short took seventh (04:40.2) and sixth. Brad Gross and Rick Joy were eighth (04:43.0) and ninth. Mark Bialek and Jason Hatfield placed ninth (04:44.2) and 10th.

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See "NINE OF TOP 10..."



Lee Barnett and Colin Hunter paddle toward the railroad bridge during their sprint on Saturday.



Josh Taylor and Matt Meersman paddle downstream during their sprint.



Doug VanMeter and Tom Trudgeon paddle during sprints for position.



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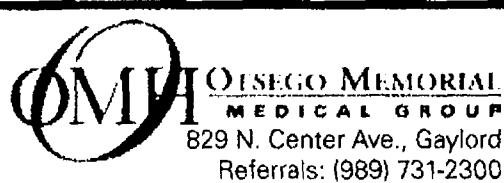
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2008 Spike's Challenge Sprint Results

Sprint results courtesy of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon's official Web site, www.ausablecanoe-marathon.org.

Place	Canoe #	Paddler	Paddler	Time	Place	Canoe #	Paddler	Paddler	Time
01	1	Andrew Triebold	Steve Lajoie	04:19.3	39	65	Bradley Solak	Frank Smutek	05:41.1
02	2	Rod Halstead	Ryan Halstead	04:29.8	40	27	Dwight Walker	Bill Kanost	05:41.6
03	8	Pete Mead	Nick Walton	04:33.6	41	108	Fritz Hansen	Jaya Elleson	05:42.1
04	14	Bill Torongo	Matt Rimer	04:35.8	42	661	Madeien Johnson	Tim Triebold	05:45.5
05	163	Josh Taylor	Matt Meersman	04:38.3	43	107	Garth Greenan	Nate Winkler	05:50.7
06	49	Ray Trudgeon	Matt Rudnitsky	04:39.6	44	47	Carina Peritore	Jeff DeFeo	05:50.9
07	81	Brad Bauer	Tony Short	04:40.2	45	30	Lee Jarpey	Keith Canny	05:52.6
08	11	Brad Gross	Rick Joy	04:43.0	46	96	Chris Kucharek	Rich Kent	05:55.6
09	60	Mark Blalek	Jason Hatfield	04:44.2	47	17	Eric Dittenber	Frank Taber	05:58.6
10	147	Russ Reker	David Teddy	04:45.7	48	53	Dale Newton	Laverne Young	06:04.5
11	68	Steve Krantz	Joey Kimsel	04:50.3	49	193	Ellen Thompson	Heather Compton	06:10.7
12	66	Jeff Rankin	Steve Watson	04:50.7	50	0	Bob Bradford	Janet Bradford	06:27.2
13	0	Mike Bradford	Ken Kolonich	04:51.4	51	99	Justin Griffith	Rejean Huard	06:27.2
14	22	Colin Hunter	Lee Barnett	04:51.5	52	61	Chris Hewitt	Austin Weiler	06:39.6
15	39	John Hugas	Allen Limberg	04:52.6	53	29	Jerry Killingbeck	Ted Matthews	DNS
16	106	Doug VanMeter	Tom Trudgeon	04:55.6	54	36	Dave Dahl	Doug Berg	DNS
17	42	Jon Thompson	Todd VanDeVen	04:59.7	55	45	Skip Conant	Andrew Tenbusch	DNS
18	101	Tim McClure	Ryan McClure	05:01.9	56	77	Ray Wonders Sr.	Ray Wonders Jr.	DNS
19	134	Joe Johnson	Jim Larsen	05:03.4	57	194	Jim Mangutz	Bill Smutek	DNS
20	220	Steve Bis	Don Brooks	05:06.1	58	95	Ed Adams	Rick Gillings	DNS
21	122	Carrie Montgomery	Tim Chapple	05:07.9	59	98	Mike Montgomery	Ray Yehl	DNS
22	57	John Hollands	Jon Webb	05:08.5	60	113	Rod Matthews	Kari Wainwright	DNS
23	383	Bob Smith	Cameron McClain	05:09.2	Expert II				
24	26	Troy Harrison	Joe Pollock	05:11.4	Place	Canoe #	Paddler	Paddler	Time
25	146	Ashley Marsh	Brad Wilson	05:12.4	01	V1	Jorden Wakeley	Justin Denno	05:33.3
26	79	Doug Moggo	Josh Moggo	05:15.9	02	198	Joey Frost	Randy Allison	05:41.7
27	40	Fred Mills	Joe Seifert	05:16.9	03	95	Travis Harrison	Brad Reed	05:47.5
28	9	Sean Casey	Al Widling Sr.	05:17.0	04	18	Ryan Harris	Matt Hellebuyck	05:51.1
29	144	Marty Spees	Dave Lave	05:18.2	05	221	Matt Gabriel	Anthony Allison	05:53.0
30	94	Ted Smutek	Britney Smutek	05:21.2	06	185	Casimer Lipinski	Tim Gilner	06:03.7
31	X	Neil Hanks	Beth Schluter	05:23.6	07	185A	Corey Metzger	William Fowler	06:11.0
32	28	Del Cummings	Vicki Cummings	05:27.3	08	21	Stephen Leppard	Brandon Gerardy	06:21.3
33	119	Grant Tally	Tim Feldkamp	05:29.1	09	88	Jay Wichert	Tony Medina	06:40.8
34	73	Greg Nelson	Armin Lopez	05:31.2	10	93	Todd Bennett	Dave Hallman	DNS
35	41	Dick Kloss	Larry Frederick	05:33.8	11	112	Ryan Matthews	Chris Curley	DNS
36	196	Jason Kent	Ray Quick	05:35.7	12	125	Tom Cannon	Owen Cannon	DNS
37	54	Lynne Witte	Connie Cannon	05:37.3	13	212	Danny Medina	Martin Ecker	DNS
38	46	Cheryl Lucey	John Lucey	05:40.1	14	Z	Isaac VanNuck	Tory Myers	DNS



Lynne Witte and Connie Cannon, left, and Heather Compton and Ellen Thompson, right, paddle during Saturday's Spike's Challenge sprints for position.

Nine of top 10 sprint teams finish in Spike's Challenge race's top 10

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All of the top 10 teams in Sunday's Spike's Challenge C-2 race finished at least as high as 14th in Saturday's sprints for position.

Colin Hunter and Lee Barnett,

who posted the 14th best sprint time (04:51.5), finished fourth on Sunday in the Spike's Challenge.

At sprints for position, each team paddled a looped course. Teams started near the pedestrian bridge at the city park, paddled

upstream to a buoy near the Crawford County Courthouse, and paddled downstream back to the starting line. Teams had to navigate under a railroad bridge on both the upstream and downstream portions of the sprint.

Complete results of this year's Spike's Challenge sprints for position are available on this page (above), or on the Internet at the AuSable Marathon's official Web site, www.ausablecanoe-marathon.org.



Doug Moggo and Josh Moggo, left, and Jorden Wakeley and Justin Denno, right, paddle downstream during the second half of their sprints on Saturday, July 19.



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Bill Torongo paddles during the start of the 2008 Spike's Challenge C-1 race on Saturday night.

Triebold wins 2008 Spike's Challenge C-1 race

Thirty-six paddlers race from Borchers to Burton's Landing

Thirty-six paddlers raced from Borchers Canoe Livery to Burton's Landing during the 2008 Spike's Challenge C-1 race on Saturday, July 19.

Andy Triebold was the overall winner with a time of 0:41:40. Bill Torongo finished second with a time of 0:41:48, and Steve Lajoie took third with a time of 0:42:14. Ken Kolonich placed fourth (0:42:54) and Spencer Derenzy finished fifth (0:43:59).

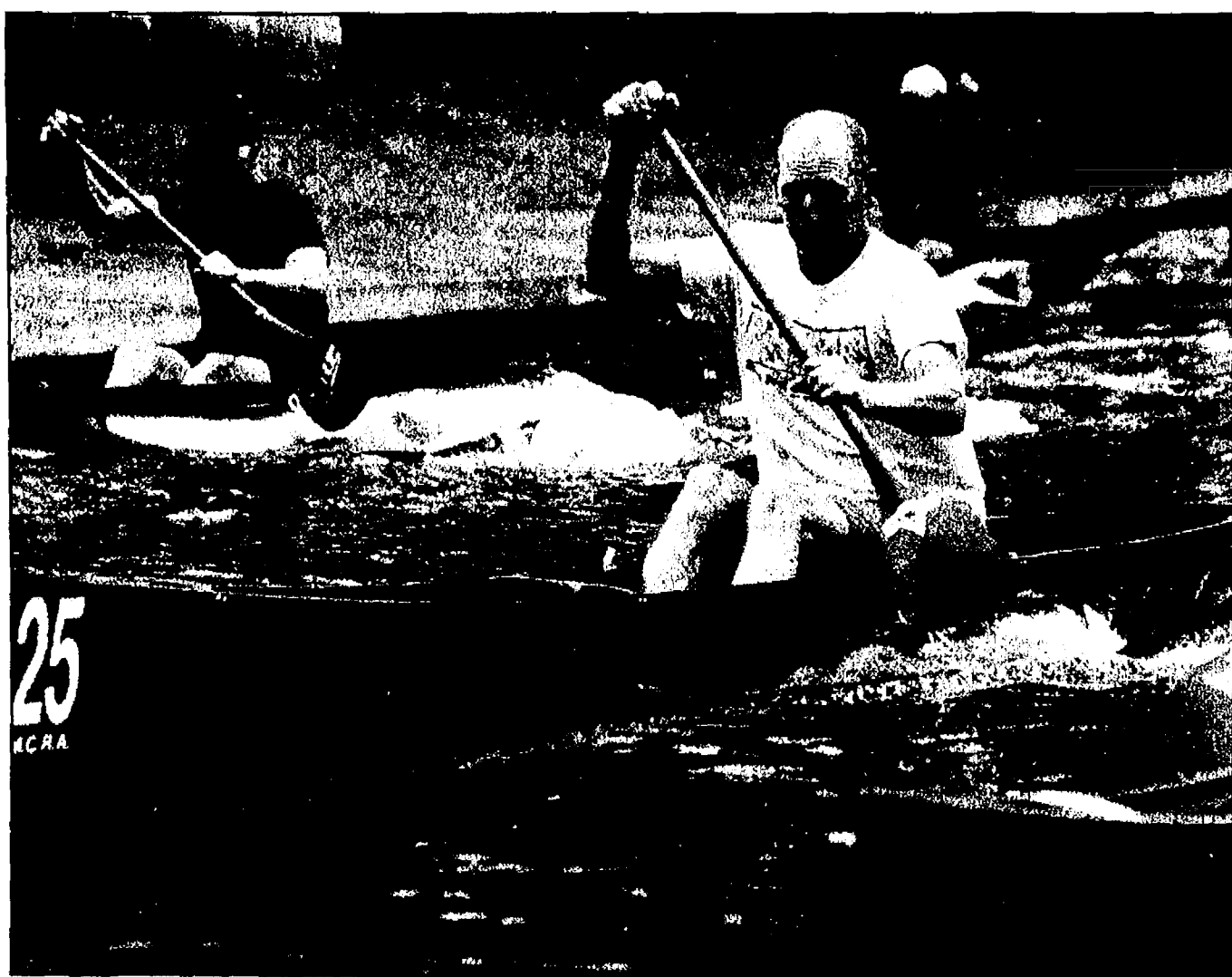
Connie Cannon won the women's division with a time of 0:46:11.

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See "TRIEBOLD WINS..."



Spencer Derenzy competes in the Spike's Challenge C-1 race.



Tom Cannon leaves the starting line during Saturday's C-1 race.



Martin Spees paddles in the 2008 Spike's Challenge C-1 race.



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The few remaining dog-eared copies became a prized fisherman's possession. Professor Higbee was offered \$400 for one of his last maps. And state agencies were forced to keep their copies under lock and key.

Experts told Professor Higbee that reprints were impossible, because the maps were printed in non-photographic blue.

Then, in 1991, at the age of 91, Howard Higbee's dream came true. Computers made it possible to reprint the map. Holding an updated map, Howard said, "I never thought I'd live to see this day."

Then, by combining Professor Higbee's knowledge with computer technology—the STREAM & LAKE MAP OF MICHIGAN was created.

Triebold wins 2008 Spike's Challenge C-1 race

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Complete results of the 2008 Spike's Challenge C-1 race, courtesy of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon's Web site, are as follows (place, paddler, time):

Expert Division

1) Andy Triebold, 0:41:40; 2) Bill Torongo, 0:41:48; 3) Steve Lajoie, 0:42:14; 4) Ken Kolonich, 0:42:54; 5) Spencer Derenzy, 0:43:59; 6) Josh Sheldon, 0:44:26; 7) Russ Reker, 0:44:33; 8) Mike Bradford, 0:45:12; 9) Tom Cannon, 0:45:29; 10) Neil Hanks, 0:45:31; 11) Bill Schmitz, 0:46:18; 12) Larry Frederick, 0:47:02; 13) Bob Bradford, 0:47:05; 14) Jason Kent, 0:48:32; 15) Martin Spees, 0:48:40; 16) Laverne Young, 0:49:01; 17) Justin Griffith, 0:49:16; 18) Eric Dittenber, 0:49:31; 19) Dick Kloss, 0:50:48; 20) Alex Donaldson, 0:50:54; 21) Mike Taylor, 0:51:21; 22) Matt Gabriel, 0:52:22; 23) Rick Gillings, 0:53:09; 24) Jason Wichert, 0:53:32; 25) Carl Joy, 0:55:08; 26) Dave Hallman, 0:56:20; 27) Lauren Chapple, 0:57:53; 28) Gary Leslie, 0:58:17; 29) Tom Hammond, 0:59:20; 30) Al Robinson, 1:00:08; 31) Bob Lawe, 1:02:59; 32) Fred Mills, withdrew.

Women's Division

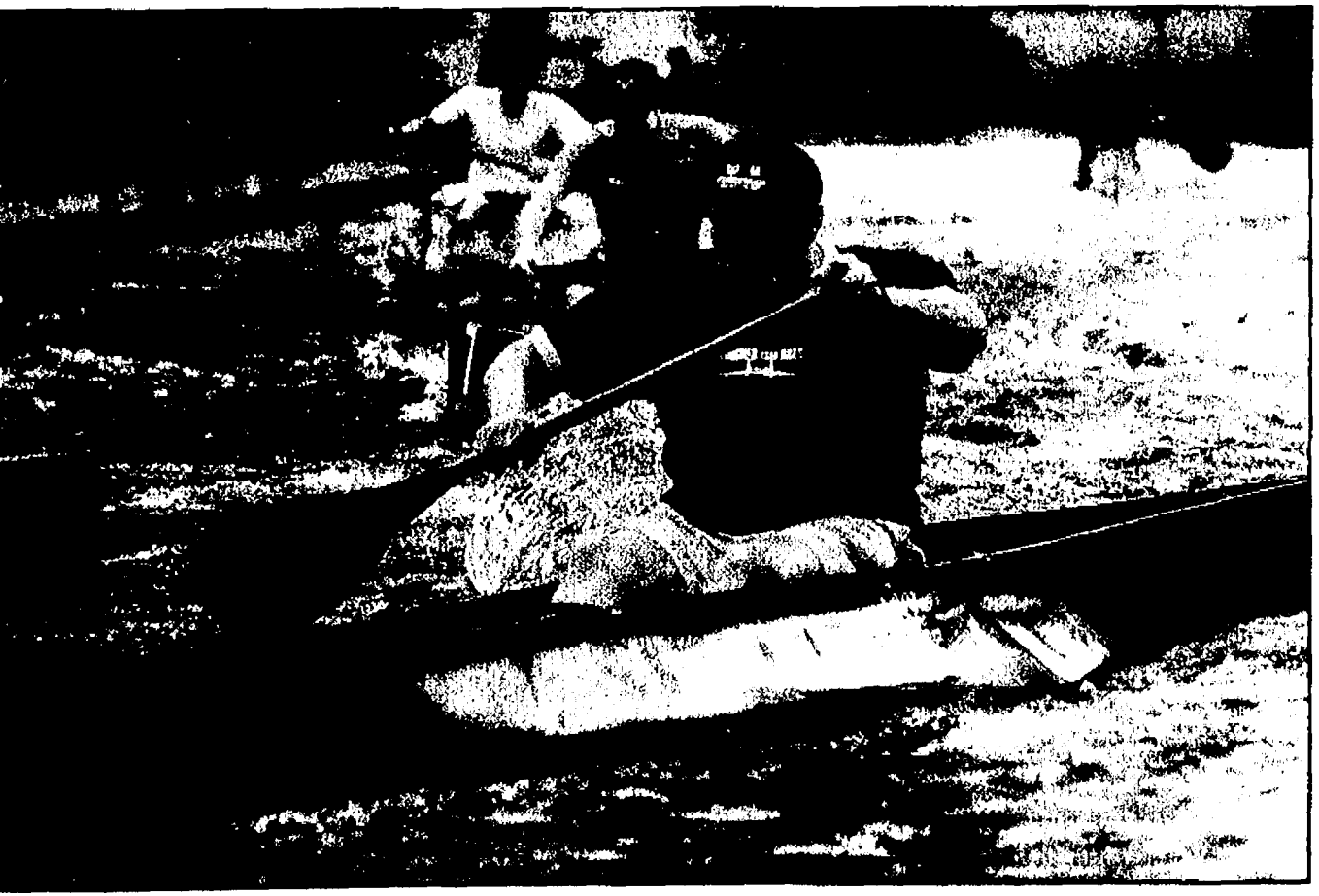
1) Connie Cannon, 0:46:11; 2) Beth Schluter, 0:49:17; 3) Amy Solak, 0:49:23; 4) Sarah Webb, 0:52:22; 5) Cheryl Lucey, 0:55:46; 6) Connie Swander, 1:01:42.



Bob Lawe leaves the starting line during this year's Spike's Challenge C-1 race on Saturday, July 19.



Dick Kloss paddles in the 2008 Spike's Challenge C-1 race.



Rick Gillings competes in Saturday's C-1 race from Borchers to Burton's Landing.



Jason Wichert paddles in the C-1 race on Saturday night.

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Case No. 08-7446-NC
In the matter of KATHERINE IRENE MEYERS

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. at Crawford County Probate Court, before Judge Monte J. Burneister P48732, for the following purpose:
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7/15/08
Katherine Irene Meyers
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IT IS ORDERED:
2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order may be made by the following method(s):
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c. By Publication Per Court Rule
3. For each method used, proof of service must be filed with the court.
Date: 6/14/08
Judge Dennis F. Murphy (P31907)
-10-17-24

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

PURSUANT TO 15 USC 1692 YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION THAT YOU PROVIDE MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the condition of a mortgage made by Thomas Goodreau and Lauri Goodreau, husband and wife to HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III by a mortgage dated September 15, 2005 and recorded on October 12, 2005 in Liber 677, Page 834, Crawford County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Forty and 88/100 Dollars (\$18,640.88) including interest at 12.14% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI at 10:00 a.m. on August 6, 2008. Said premises are situated in the City of Roscommon, County of Crawford State of Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: Being part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 29, thence North 89 degrees 35 minutes 00 seconds East, along East-West 1/4 line, 605.23 feet; thence North 07 degrees 43 minutes 40 seconds East, 184.68 feet; thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes 00 seconds East, 284.65 feet to the section line; thence South 01 degrees 19 minutes 22 seconds West, along section line, 183.0 feet to the place of Beginning. SUBJECT TO County road right-of-way over the Easterly 33.0 feet thereof. The redemption

period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: June 23, 2008 Michael M. Grand, Esq. GRAND & GRAND PLLC 31731 Northwestern Hwy., #151 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 538-3737 73124 ASAP# 2802675 07/03/2008, 07/10/2008, 07/17/2008, 07/24/2008 -3-10-17-24

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by James C. Salo, a married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as a nominee for Quicken Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 31, 2006, and recorded on September 22, 2006, in Liber 683, Page 342, Crawford County Records, said mortgage was assigned to The Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificateholders CUALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2006-31CB, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-31CB by an Assignment of Mortgage which has been submitted to Crawford County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Three Dollars 02/100 (\$61,563.02) including interest at the rate of 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM on July 30, 2008.

Said premises are situated in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 11, Block 2, Hadley's Amended Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, Crawford County Records.

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The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later.

Dated: June 26, 2008

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Our File No. 172.01133
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MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark R. Cdebeca, a single man, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated September 29, 2005 and recorded October 4, 2005 in Liber 677, Page 783, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-One Thousand Five Hundred Fifteen and 30/100 Dollars (\$41,515.30) including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on AUGUST 6, 2008.

Said premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The Easterly one-half of Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, being a piece of land 60 wide by 120 feet long, fronting 60 feet on Ingham Street and extending across the entire width of said Lots 1 and 2 in Block 3; and the Southerly 10 feet of Lot 3 of Block 3, being a piece of land 10 feet wide and 120 feet long, fronting 10 feet on Chestnut Street, all in Block 3 of O.M. Barnes Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof as recorded

in Liber 11 of Plats, Page 5, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: July 3, 2008
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MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JEFFREY D. CHAPLIN, A SINGLE MAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 21, 2004, and recorded on June 14, 2004, in Liber 668, on Page 997, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eight Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars and Seventy-Four Cents (\$108,153.74), including interest at 13.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on August 6, 2008

Said premises are situated in Crawford County, Michigan and described as: A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWN 25 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID TRACT AND RUNNING THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES EAST ON THE NORTH LINE THEREOF, 205.30 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 05 MINUTES WEST 544.10 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY M-76; THENCE NORTH 66 DEGREES 47 MINUTES WEST ALONG SAME, 222.15 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 07 MINUTES EAST ALONG WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT, 456.60 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 26, 2008

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns,

Mortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075
-3-10-17-24

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Colin Cottrell, a married man and Cheryl Cottrell, a married woman, joint tenancy with full rights of survivorship, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 16, 2004 and recorded August 27, 2004 in Liber 671, Page 214, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Two and 74/100 Dollars (\$63,852.74) including interest at 6.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case

made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on AUGUST 27, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 33, Red Wing Terrace, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: July 24, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400 File No. 310.2934
-24-31-7-4

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tina Gilbee, a single woman, to First Franklin, a division of National City Bank of Indiana, Mortgagee, dated April 8, 2005 and recorded April 12, 2005 in Liber 674, Page 926, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the MLMI Trust Series 2005-FFH1 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Four and 41/100 Dollars (\$69,464.41) including interest at 10.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on AUGUST 27, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point which is 15 rods North of the Southwest corner of the North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, thence North 10 rods, thence East 32 rods, thence South 10 rods, thence West 32 rods to the place of beginning. Being a part of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: July 24, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400 File No. 269.2526
-24-31-7-4

MORTGAGE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Randall D. Miller, A Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 28, 2005, and recorded on January 5, 2006 in Liber 679 on Page 303, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as assignee, on which

mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Three And 39/100 Dollars (\$124,123.39), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 13, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel K-3: The South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 2 West and Parcel D: The West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, including land lying Easterly of Existing road.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 10, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC D 248.593.1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #209999F01
-10-17-24-31

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth L. Potter, a single man, to Mortgage North, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 29, 2005 and recorded August 4, 2005 in Liber 676, Page 556, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by American Home Mortgage Servicing by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Sixteen and 28/100 Dollars (\$142,316.28) including interest at 8.4% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on AUGUST 27, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, Block 20, and Lots 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48, Block 20, Portage Heights, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: July 24, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400 File No. 356.1247
-24-31-7-4

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE--Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by RANDY L. SMOCK and BECKY S. SMOCK, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA, Mortgagee, dated March 2, 2006, and recorded March 8, 2006, in Liber 680, Page 124, of

Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice the sum of Forty Six Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Four and 78/100 Dollars (\$46,234.78), including interest at 11% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, August 6, 2008, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI.

Said premises are situated in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The Southerly 1/3 of Lot 3, and all of Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 7, Martha M. Brinks Addition to the Village (now City) according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01, Page 29, Crawford County Records

Commonly known as 309 Brink St, Grayling, MI 49738
Tax ID: 070-132-007-004-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days.

Dated: June 20, 2008

First National Bank of America
Mortgage
By: Randall T. LeVasseur P41712
LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC
Attorneys for Mortgagee
P.O. Box 721400
Berkley, MI 48072
(248) 586-1200
-3-10-17-24-31

MORTGAGE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Janet G. Varney-Small, a married woman and David Small, a married man, Mortgagors, to North Central Area Credit Union, Mortgagee, dated the 30th day of July, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 26th day of September, 2003 in Liber 654 of Crawford County Records, page 19, North Central Area Credit Union on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Fifty Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty Eight & 01/100 (\$53,548.01), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of September, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 5.50% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Lots 18 and 19, Riverside Subdivision, Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Pages 61 and 62, Crawford County Records.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 7/31/2008
North Central Area Credit Union
Mortgagee
-24-31-7-4

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LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Diane Wakeley, a Married Woman, John Wakeley, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 22, 2005, and recorded on August 2, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 478, and assigned by said Mortgagee to CitiFinancial Mortgage Company Inc. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-One And 81/100 Dollars (\$75,421.81), including interest at 11.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 20, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 16, 17, 18 and 19, Block 1, Karen Woods, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the Plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 17, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC C 248.593.1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #196487F02

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Barry W. Davison, a single man and Melissa Duvall, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, A Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 27, 2000, and recorded on November 6, 2000 in Liber 522 on Page 163, and assigned by mesne assignments to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-One Thousand Two Hundred Two And 99/100 Dollars (\$41,202.99), including interest at 8.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 20, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 743 feet East and 186 North of the South 1/8 corner of sections 7 and 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, thence North 76 feet, thence West 95 feet, thence South 76 feet, thence East 95 feet to the place of beginning. Being a part of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 17, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Stephen Scheid, a married man, joint tenancy with full rights of survivorship and Michelle L. Scheid, a married woman, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 5, 2005, and recorded on August 18, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 863, and assigned by said Mortgagee to EverHome Mortgage Company as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Three And 88/100 Dollars (\$86,633.88), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 20, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 49 and the East 1/2 of Lot 50, Clough's Highland Acres, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01, Page 65, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 17, 2008
For more information, please call:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nancy L. Bills, Unmarried, original mortgagor(s), to Champion Mortgage, A Division of Keybank National Association, Mortgagee, dated September 9, 2006, and recorded on September 25, 2006 in Liber 683 on Page 375, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Household Finance Corp III as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Eight And 96/100 Dollars (\$61,488.96), including interest at 9.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 20, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 38, 39, 40, 43 and 44, Indian Glens of the Au Sable, Unit Number One, According to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 17, 2008
For more information, please call:
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
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SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Judith S. Baumgart, an adult woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 23, 2007, and recorded on April 4, 2007 in Liber 685 on Page 982, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Five And 02/100 Dollars (\$38,865.02), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 20, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of Section 20, Town 25 North, Range 2 West; thence South 0 degree 15 minutes 03 seconds West, along Section line 1127.90 feet to a Place of Beginning; thence continuing South 0 degree 15 minutes 03 seconds West, 200 feet; thence South 89 degrees 21 minutes 15 seconds East, 656.98 feet; thence North 0 degree 15 minutes 03 seconds East, 200 feet; thence North 89 degrees 21 minutes 15 seconds West, 656.98 feet to the Place of Beginning. Being part of the Southwest 1/4, Section 20, Town 25 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 17, 2008
For more information, please call:
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kevin B. Smith, A Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 29, 2006, and recorded on April 3, 2006 in Liber 680 on Page 504, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-FF10, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-FF10 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety And 16/100 Dollars (\$60,990.16), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 20, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 2 and the Southeastly 1/2 of Lot 3, Block 10 of Hadley's Amended addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of plats, Page 8, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 17, 2008
For more information, please call:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles Cole a/k/a Charles Alan Cole and Brandy M Cole his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 27, 2004, and recorded on October 28, 2004 in Liber 672 on Page 239, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Seven And 77/100 Dollars (\$55,637.77), including interest at 6.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 6, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Lot 4, Block 4, Martha M Brinks Addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof, being part of Lot 4, Block 4, Martha M Brinks Addition, Excepting the East 50.5 feet thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 3, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #209874F01

-3-10-17-24

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ellen R. Bickmann, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Bank USA, N.A., Mortgagee, dated February 5, 2007, and recorded on April 10, 2007 in Liber 686 on Page 209, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand Twenty-Eight And 25/100 Dollars (\$95,028.25), including interest at 8.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 6, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 and 10, Block 4, Dilley's Addition to the Village of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 3, 2008
For more information, please call:
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #209269F01

-3-10-17-24

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy T. Thomas and Steacy M. Thomas, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated April

22, 2005, and recorded on May 5, 2005 in Liber 675 on Page 302, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Benefit of the Certificateholders, Park Place Securities, Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-WCW2 as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Three And 57/100 Dollars (\$14,733.57), including interest at 7.85% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 13, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 28 North, Range 4 West

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 10, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #079283F03

-10-17-24-31

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gale R. Robinson and Cathy Robinson, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 24, 2005, and recorded on March 15, 2005 in Liber 674 on Page 215, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Nine And 92/100 Dollars (\$150,239.92), including interest at 9.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 27, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, MI

Described as: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of Section 33, thence North 1 Degrees 20 Minutes East along Section line 1324.4 feet to 1/8 corner; thence South 89 Degrees 34 Minutes East, along 1/8 line 11.65 feet to point of beginning; thence continuing South 89 Degrees 34 Minutes East, 450 feet; thence South 0 Degrees 51 Minutes West 250

feet; thence North 89 Degrees 34 Minutes West 450 feet; thence North 0 Degrees 51 Minutes East along said highway right of way line 250 feet to the point of beginning

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 24, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC J 248.593.1311
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-24-31-7-14

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James M. Prall, original mortgagor(s), to MBS Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated September 30, 2004, and recorded on September 30, 2004 in Liber 671 on Page 761, and assigned by mesne assignments to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Two And 30/100 Dollars (\$53,952.30), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on August 27, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 146, 147, 148 and 149, 150, Northern Heights, Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan; according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 27, Crawford County Records. And Lots 425, 426 and 427, Northern Heights, Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan; according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 38, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 24, 2008
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File #212675F01

-24-31-7-14

PUBLIC ACCURACY NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the August 5, 2008 Primary Election has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 30, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. at each of the following voting precincts located in Crawford County, Grayling, MI:

Township	Precinct #	Clerk
Grayling City Hall 1020 City Blvd. P.O. Box 549 Grayling, MI 49738	701	Michele Moshier 348-2131
Beaver Creek Township 8888 S. Grayling Rd. Grayling, MI 49738	101	Sharon Hartman 275-8878
Frederic Township 7565 W. County Rd. 612 Frederic, MI 49733	201	Nancy Bindschattel 348-8778
Grayling Township 2090 Viking Way P.O. Box 521 Grayling, MI 49738	302,304,305, 306 & 307	Monica Ashton 348-4361
Lovells Township 8405 Twin Bridge Rd. Grayling, MI 49738	401	Cheryl Hopp 348-9215
Maple Forest Township 2520 W. Marker Rd. Frederic, MI 49733	501	Sandra Baynham 348-5794
South Branch Township 5245 M-18 Roscommon, MI 48653	601	Lynn George 275-8232

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program(s) and the election ballot counters being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Sandra Moore
Crawford County Clerk

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



July 25, 1985 - Pictured are the team members of Jack's Diner. They won the major division of the Grayling Little League with a 13-0 record. Pictured here (front row L to R): Scott Haas, Chris Lehti, Mike Tremblay, Scott Laitenen, Ricky Aytes; (middle row) Jeremy Beroset, Denny Springer, Joey Anteau, Brian Parker; (back row) coaches Denny Springer, Fred Tremblay, Joel Anteau and Howard Lehti.

**23 Years Ago
July 25, 1985**

What may be the state's most comprehensive emergency services data system will be operating soon in Crawford County. Within five seconds, the new computer system will be able to spit out directions to any residence or business in the county, along with other specific helpful information to firefighters, ambulance personnel and policeman.

The push for this advanced system is being spearheaded by the Beaver Creek Fire Department.

The Grayling Little League All-Stars, consisting of Max Prosser, Joey LaForrest, Shane Fraser, Joey Anteau, Mike Tremblay, Scott Cinciala, Matt Spencer, Karl Mead, John Jurkovich, Denny Springer, Matt Branch, Bob Harris and Todd Millikin, won three games in a row beating East Jordan,

Roscommon and Boyne City to advance to the District semi-finals in Indian River. The team is coached by Howard Lehti and Fred Tremblay.

**46 Years Ago
July 26, 1962**

The annual fishing trip to Camp Grayling in Saskatchewan, which began a few years ago by a group of Grayling sportsmen and businessmen, has been set for Sept. 8 of this year. All of the reservations have been filled.

The Dr. Vernon Blahas are building a new cottage at Lake Margrethe, on the site of the former structure which burned. Pioneer Log Cabin Company is doing the work.

Marnie Newberry celebrated her 5th birthday on July 20. Jackie Leng, Johnny Tobin, Vivian Latt, Donna and Butch Weaver, Cindy, Caren and Duane LaMotte, Marcie, Mari Ann and Bert Kaiser, Janet, Forest and Kenny Newberry were all there to help her celebrate.

A scramble golf tournament, held at the Grayling Country Club on July 15, resulted in the following winners. First prize went to Jean Rasmussen, Lloyd Gierke, Eleanor Holtcamp and Don VanNocker. Second prize went to Grover Cason, Evelyn Gardiner, Vernon Gardiner and Doree DeClair. Third prize went to Hal Walker, Miriam Kraus, Melvin Nielson and Charlene Holtcamp.

**69 Years Ago
July 27, 1939**

The young bald eagle that has

been making its home in the nest near the AuSable State Forest, in which it was hatched last spring, yesterday took to its wings and left the parental abode.

It was a rather downhearted bunch of fans that walked away from the East Jordan park on Sunday afternoon. After their team had won five straight games, beating Grayling 13-6 earlier in the season, they were rather surprised to see the Grayling boys walk away with their ball game, 5-3.

**92 Years Ago
July 27, 1916**

Forest fires have been reported in almost all directions from the city this week. The weather has been very dry and there has been no rain. Several lumber camps and farms have been in danger of fire.

Louis Cook, formerly of Flint, and Ernest Larson, of Grayling, are planning on opening a laundry in the Mrs. P.C. Peterson building on Cedar Street, lately occupied by a saloon by John Larson. Mr. Cook is experienced in this line of work and says that Grayling will have a first class laundry.

Hans Peterson, who was working in Gaylord for the past year as a clerk of the Delmont Hotel, has resigned and will be assisting his father, Hemming Peterson, on their farm near Frederic.

Misses Denia Sivrals and Eva Cariveau left the forepart of the week for Mackinaw City, where they will have employment for the summer.

PUZZLES SUDOKU

RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.

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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Beef & Mushroom Pot Pie

Prep Time: 20 Min.
Bake Time: 30 Min.

Batter

cooking spray
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 cup whole wheat flour
2 envelopes rapid rise yeast
2 teaspoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt

Mix batter ingredients together in a pre-sprayed 8x8-inch baking dish; set aside. Melt butter in a large skillet and sauté mushrooms and bell peppers 1 to 2 minutes. Add sherry. Stir in gravy mix and water, heat until boiling and thickened. Remove from heat and add beef. Top batter evenly with beef filling. Sprinkle with parsley. Bake by placing in a cold oven; set temperature to 350°F. Bake for 30 minutes, or until baked through.

1 cup very warm water (120° to 130° F.)
1/4 cup corn oil

Beef Filling

2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 package (8 ounces) sliced fresh mushrooms
1/2 cup chopped red and green bell peppers

1 tablespoon dry sherry (optional)

1 package mushroom gravy mix

1 cup water

2 cups (8 ounces) cooked roast beef, chopped into bite-sized pieces

2 teaspoons parsley flakes

Serves 6

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

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BUSHEL	FOOT	MILLILITER
CENTIMETER	GALLON	OUNCE
DECIMETER	GILL	QUART

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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LGKCIJOGILL
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Start Here

ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVER-LOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets, find homes, adopt today!

Cami
Cami is about 1 and 1/2 years old and very active. This affectionate Collie mix loves water and other dogs. She will require some training but has a nice disposition and a pretty face.

More Puppies!

There are several beautiful puppies at the shelter looking for loving new homes. They are about 7 weeks old right now and just little darlings. They are large breed dogs and all males. We are looking for adopters with time to train and care for these sweet boys.

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is located at:
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling
Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds
Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday thru Saturday, 10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascc.petfinder.com

HOROSCOPES

For the week of July 24, 2008

December 22 - January 19
This is your week to have fun, Capricorn. Put duty aside and participate in some of the activities going on around you. A windfall fattens your pocketbook.

March 21 - April 19
All's well that ends well, Aries. A trip finally comes to an end, and you must return to your normal routine. A friend's remarks get you thinking.

June 22 - July 22
This is your week of good fortune, Cancer. Relationship troubles cease and a new source of income starts rolling in, improving your bottom line. Share your joy with others.

September 23 - October 22
Life is not always greener on the other side, Libra. Before you make your big move, do your homework. What looks good on paper may not look so good in real life.

January 20 - February 18
Don't be shy, Aquarius. You worked hard and deserve your fair share of the reward. Take what is yours. A family vacation starts you on the path to enlightenment.

April 20 - May 20
Get a jump on the competition, Taurus, and start researching a new project. If you want in on the action, you have to be prepared and let others see that.

July 23 - August 22
Let go, Leo. Give in to your impulses and do something wild and crazy. It's ok to let loose every now and then. A romantic gesture gets the heart thumping.

October 23 - November 21
Get ready to party, Scorpio, and celebrate your accomplishments. Weeks of painstaking work begin to pay off and the rewards are many.

February 19 - March 20
Illness plagues a family member, Pisces, and you must play nurse. Be compassionate and caring, and they will return the favor to you one day. A tryst at work ends.

May 21 - June 21
A film reminds you just how good you have it, Gemini. Show your gratitude by helping out others who are not so fortunate. A snafu at work occurs yet again.

August 23 - September 22
A small incident at work causes a chain of events. Sidestep as much of the action as you can, Virgo, and be there to support those who get caught in the middle.

November 22 - December 21
A slip of the tongue gets a young friend in hot water, Sagittarius. It is not your job to bail them out. Broken dreams resurface, and you are given a second chance.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Rain Inches
7/15	69	45	0
7/16	85	45	0
7/17	89	57	0.09
7/18	87	63	0.02
7/19	83	60	0
7/20	81	61	0.52
7/21	78	60	0.21

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 80 Low 56	High 81 Low 60	High 77 Low 56	High 74 Low 54	High 77 Low 58	High 79 Low 58
Mostly Sunny	Isolated Thunder Storms	Scattered Thunder Storms	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Sunny

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Crawford County Avalanche

Classifieds must be paid for in advance

Display Advertising Rate - \$8.00 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$6.00 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:

www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling, price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/08tf/1)

MOBILE HOME 2-3 bedroom for sale, owner finance on lot, 989-348-5278 or 586-405-0030. (3/20/08tf/1)

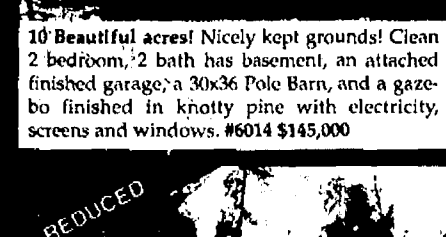


GORGEOUS LAKE MARGRETHE HOME FULLY FURNISHED including speed, pontoon and fishing boats w/ trailers, 160' aluminum dock, 4 bedrooms & 2.5 baths. Two car attached garage, bonus/office room, custom cabinets throughout including garage. Very tastefully decorated inside and out; great landscaping. JUST BRING YOUR TOOTHBRUSH! #6017 \$629,000

Office: 989-348-5474



10 Beautiful acres! Nicely kept grounds! Clean 2 bedroom, 2 bath has basement, an attached finished garage, a 30x36 Pole Barn, and a gazebo finished in knotty pine with electricity, screens and windows. #6014 \$145,000



ENERGY EFFICIENT Bermed home. Only one mile from town. Bike trails abut subdivision, to Hanson Hills, River and Lake. Highest heating bill for this winter was about \$65.00!! 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, large walk-in closet, wooded back yard. #5970 \$65,000



Nice & Cozy cottage on 2.73 acres, near Wakeley Lake. Property is nicely treed, has shed and path to the bath. Located 8 miles east of town, only 1/2 mile from National Forest and 1 mile from the AuSable River Mainstream. #5992 \$28,900



Secluded "Up-North" getaway! Only \$39,900!! 1/2 AC. SIRCUI And... it is unbelievably well maintained & updated! Roomy screened in porch & a large campfire pit great for hot dog Roasts! Access to club house, heated pool, & AuSable River East Branch! Turn key, most furnishings will stay. #5870 \$39,900



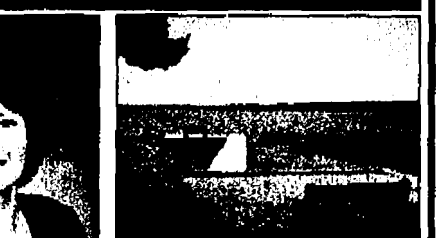
COMMERCIAL Commercial building with high visibility from Old 27 and County Road 612, in Frederic. Lot is approx. 100 x 200 and the building is 1456 S.F. with an office and bathroom facility. Mobile home slab on property. #5790 \$89,500

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COLDWELL BANKER
CORNELL REALTY

1. Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE Small 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 964 s.f., home with natural gas fireplace and 2 car garage in Village of Roscommon. Home includes refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer, microwave, window AC. Sales price of \$62,000 with seller to provide \$3,000 towards closing costs. Current FHA assumable mortgage available through Chase Bank. Call 989-889-5204. (-3-10-17-24/1)

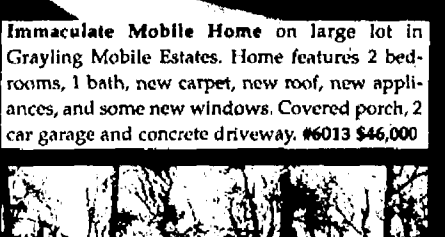


HARBOR BEACH SUBDIVISION, LAKE MARGRETHE HOME! Shared private beach & parks, assigned boat slip on canal, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, tons of hidden storage, over 1/2 acre in a natural setting. #5884 \$229,900

Office: 989-348-5474



Immaculate Mobile Home on large lot in Grayling Mobile Estates. Home features 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, new carpet, new roof, new appliances, and some new windows. Covered porch, 2 car garage and concrete driveway. #6013 \$46,000



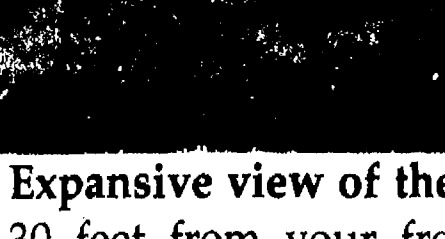
Beautiful & Immaculate 1,728 sq. foot, 3 Bedroom 2 full bath home with central air, huge living room & attached 2 car garage. Master Suite has a beautiful full bath with jet tub, dual sinks and separate shower. Great location! #5997 \$129,500



It's all here! Large 3-4 bedroom home with 2.5 baths, master suite with jet tub and separate shower, huge family room with gas log fireplace, 30x48 pole barn and 20x24 insulated shop and so much more. #5842 \$160,000



Bright, Clean and Comfortable 1664 Sq Ft home with a unique open ceiling is a private setting on nearly 3 acres just 1/4 mile to the AuSable Holy Waters. 3 bedrooms 2 full baths 24 x 32 pole barn. #5939 \$87,500



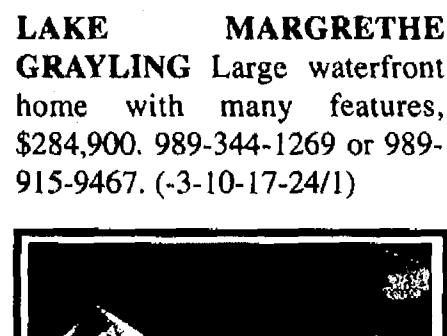
Expansive view of the Manistee River just 30 feet from your front deck, 200 feet of frontage and 2 acres, 1200 s/f home and 24 x 28 garage, furnished. #5971 \$149,500

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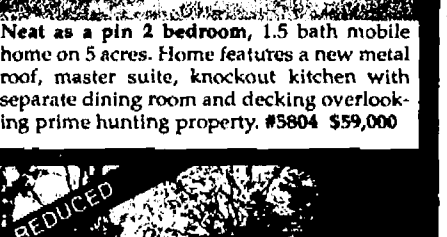
LAKE MARGRETHE GRAYLING Large waterfront home with many features, \$284,900. 989-344-1269 or 989-915-9467. (-3-10-17-24/1)

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Bright, Clean and Comfortable 1664 Sq Ft home with a unique open ceiling is a private setting on nearly 3 acres just 1/4 mile to the AuSable Holy Waters. 3 bedrooms 2 full baths 24 x 32 pole barn. #5939 \$87,500



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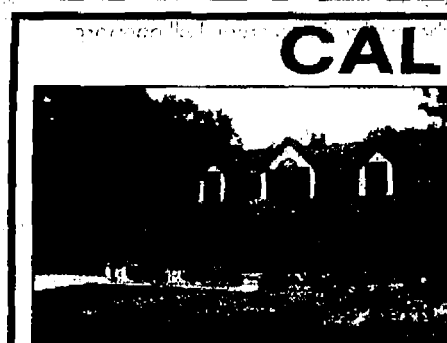
DELUXE 3 BEDROOM HOME In beautiful Houghton Lake with deeded access. \$79,900. Owner financing is available. Contact 708-254-2223. (-24-31/1)

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CHECK OUT forsalebyowner.com, listing 21561904, for a super deal on a Grayling AuSable river home, or call 989-348-2083. (-10-17-24/1)

2. For Rent

3 BEDROOM 1 1/2 baths, close to Lake Margrethe. One year lease, security deposit. \$650 plus utilities. 348-4443. (7/24/2008tf/2)

1. Real Estate

NO EXPENSE WAS SPARED WITH THIS 4 BEDROOM, 2.5 bath home on 10 acres adjoining state land with deeded access to Cub Lake. Home features a full-finished walkout basement, extensive decking, 6 panel doors, cathedral ceilings, pole barn, in ground sprinkler system, and professional landscaping. #6012 \$269,000



IMMACULATE 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH HOME on 5.86 acres adjoining state land and close to Manistee River. New carpet and tile. Fireplace, plenty of storage, two tier decking and SmartHome control system. Large master bath. Home shows pride of ownership! #5969 \$99,900



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BRADFORD LAKE HILLS 6 LOTS AVAILABLE individually for \$3,500 or \$18,000 for all. This is a great location for all northern Michigan recreation or a year round home. DB-2696 \$3,500-\$18,000

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MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

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HOUSE FOR RENT 2 bedroom, 2 full baths plus bonus room, basement, garage. No Pets! \$650 a month with one month security deposit. Located on M-18 between Roscommon & I-75. 586-774-5327. (-24-31/2)

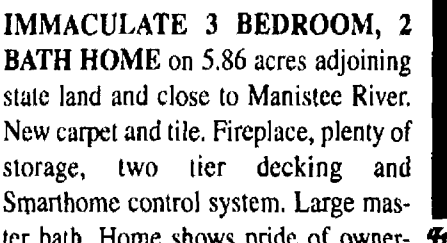
NICE CLEAN 2 BEDROOM House in St. Helen. Natural gas, nice yard, no pets. \$450 a month, \$450 security. Call 989-275-8499 or 989-915-2002. (-17-24/2)

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1. Real Estate

Very nice mobile home. Home features many recent updates. Updates include new floor in kitchen, new vinyl windows, some new carpet, new paint, new porch, new built over roof and added storage shelves. This is a great deal!! #6018 \$39,999



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Roscommon, MI 48653

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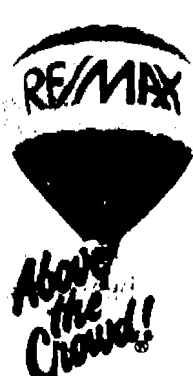
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NEW LISTING



13.4 ACRES CLOSE TO THE AUSABLE RIVER Mainstream Quality custom home with 2,643 s.f., three bedrooms and three baths. Home features two story double sided center fireplace, loft over looking great room, master suite with Jacuzzi tub, unique log stain case, extensive ceramic tile, four skylights, central vacuum, and large utility room with utility tub. Door wall off dining room onto double elevated deck. Exterior offers beautiful landscaping, detached garage, detached garage, irrigation system, and a Hardy outdoor wood burner. CH-2729 \$279,000

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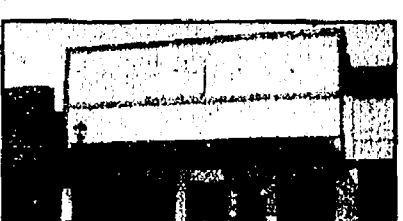
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10 ACRES OF BEAUTIFUL ROLLING OAKS AND PINES 792 s.f. full log cabin with unfinished interior. Vaulted ceiling, circular staircase, propane lights, and storage/sauna building. Most contents included. No well, septic, or electric. CH-2572 \$53,000



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BARE-BONE BARGAIN Bring back the sparkle! And you will have made a smart investment. 3 bedroom, 1 bath offers 1,056 sq. ft., New Anderson windows and roof. New roof on garage. Bath has new tub, sink and floor. Home needs new floor coverings. Immediate occupancy. CS-2651 \$29,900



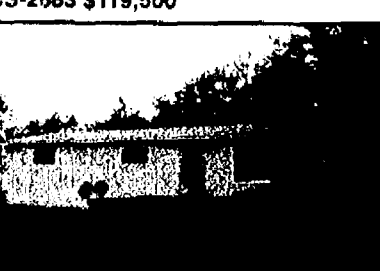
PRIVATE 125 ACRES WITH HARDWOODS AND PINES - Beautiful 2,652 s.f., three bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home only 1/2 mile from town. Home features nine foot tray ceilings, custom kitchen with center island, butcher block snack bar, and recessed lighting. Formal entry with open oak staircase and hardwood floors. Master bedroom suite with double walk-in closets. Three car finished garage with workshop. Landscaped yard with underground irrigation. Bar stools, waster, dryer, tractor w/ snow blower negotiable. CH-2704 \$225,000



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7. Miscellaneous

LOST 2 CATS 6/14 Taken from Livonia on 6/14 or 6/15, by grandmother of 7 year old Sara or Sara K., who may have cancer and lives in Grayling area. Would any family member or friend please call us. We want Cody (8), blk/white long hair and Hunter (2) orange, back in Livonia. We love and miss them and will not stop looking. We will buy Sara her own pet for the safe return of Cody and Hunter. Reward. 734-425-7444 or 734-765-5233. (-24-31/7)

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LOST DOG Aden, 18 month old chocolate labrador retriever mix lost in Karen Woods area. If you have any information please contact Carolyn Collen, 989-348-0112. (-24-31/7)

8. Announcements

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9. Personals

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LARGE MOVING SALE Dining room set, kitchen items, dishes, crafts, Christmas items and other misc. items. One day only, Saturday, July 26th, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 80 N. Roberts Rd. off of N. Down River, 1.5 miles north of hospital. (-24/10)

YARD SALE And gift shop close out off McIntyre Landing. 10168 Madison Ave., July 24 thru Sept. 30, closed Mondays. 50% to 75% off gift items. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Also handmade infant to toddler sweaters and hats, Scandinavian items and more. 989-348-7469. (-24-7-4/10)

YARD SALE July 25 and 26th, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Dishes, antique doll buggy, ham radio gear, hydraulic car jack, car top carrier, D-104 Golden Eagle microphone, fishing rods and other odds and ends. 2716 Jones Lake Rd. (-24/10)

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29th	\$350
30th	\$330
31st	\$320
32nd	\$310
33rd	\$300
34th	\$290
35th	\$280
36th	\$270
37th	\$260
38th	\$250
39th	\$240
40th	\$230
41st place & beyond	\$750
total; not to exceed \$150 per team. Over \$8000 in Finisher's prizes to be awarded to AuSable Marathon participants.	

2008 Marathon attracts wide range of competitors

75 teams are registered to take part in this year's annual grueling, 14 to 19 hour Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon (ARICM). The canoe marathon has attracted competitors ranging in age from 15 to 83, and draws paddlers from 15 states and 4 provinces of Canada. The Canoe Marathon starts at 9pm on Saturday in Grayling, MI with a LeMans style start, with each team running up to 3 blocks to get into the AuSable River. Each team then paddles nonstop through the night past 14 timer checkpoints, including portaging around 6 dams as they make their way to the finish line 120 miles (as the river flows) to the east in Oscoda, MI on Sunday.

The ARICM has always had its fair share of family participation. Look over any of the entries from previous marathons and you will find similar names listed throughout. Fathers paddle with sons, cousins paddle with cousins, and there are usually a few sets of brothers teaming up in their quest to complete the 120 mile journey from Grayling to Oscoda. Occasionally there is the husband and wife team that test their vows by spending 16 - 19 hours together in a canoe. The 2008 marathon is shaping up to be another family affair.

This year's marathon features what is believed to be a record of five husband and wife teams. Veteran marathoner Bob Bradford is attempting the race with his wife Janet (#00) who is a first time marathon paddler. However, she is no stranger to canoeing as she has paddled several long distance races with Bob including the WaterTribe Everglades 300-mile Challenge. Wisconsin husband and wife team Al Limberg and Barb Bradley (#02) will return to defend the mixed division title of the Marathon. Limberg won the 2006 race with partner Jim Harwood before returning to win the mixed division with Bradley in the 2007 race. Grayling paddlers, John and Cheryl Lucey (#46) team up once again after paddling the 2006 race with separate partners. Del and Vicki Cummings (#28)

2007 Marathon Champions Andy Triebold and Matt Rimer celebrating their victory in Oscoda.



travel from Meriden, CT to paddle in their 2nd marathon together. Rounding out the husband and wife teams are Mark and Katrice Church (#20) of Roscommon.

A new twist in the family affair is the number of fathers paddling this year's race with their daughters. A notable team on the marathon roster is that of Ted and Brittany Smutek (#94). They are one of six members of the Smutek family entered in this year's marathon. Joe and Madelen Johnson (#70) will venture down from Michigan's Upper Peninsula for the race. Jeff and Julie Janish (#32) of Whittemore Lake will round out the father/daughter teams. All of the girls who are competing with their fathers are teenagers.

Several father and son teams have entered this year's marathon. A team to watch this year is Tim and Ryan McClure (#58) of Roscommon who are showing vast improvement this year in the Michigan Canoe Racing Association (MCRA) circuit. Traveling all the way from Anchorage, AK, Ray Wonders Sr. is teaming with his 15 year old son Ray Wonders Jr. (#77). Doug Moggo and his son Josh (#79) are attempting the marathon for the second straight year. Another name that stands out is Real Carriere, the 24-year old son of Solomon Carriere, 3-time winner of the race. Marathon board member Joe Wakeley commented that "the last time Real was here, he was just a kid and Sol said

if he ever came back to do the race, it would be with his son."

After paddling with each of his children, veteran marathoner Frank Smutek is moving on to the next generation and paddling with his grandson, Brad Solak (#65). They will have plenty of support and competition from their own family as Amy Solak (Brad's mother), Ted and Bill Smutek (Frank's sons) and Brittany Smutek (Frank's granddaughter) will all be competing in this year's race.

This year's Marathon also will be one for the record books with 75 teams entered again this year and five past champions returning to the AuSable it will be an exciting race. Returning champions are represented as well. 2007 winners Matthew Rimer and Andrew Triebold are back this year, but will be competing against each other with new partners. Rimer has paired up with 24-Marathon veteran Bill Torongo, and Triebold has paired up with former winning partner (2004), Steve Lajoie. Andy Triebold and Steve Lajoie (#1) team up for the first-time since 2004 when they beat the eight time defending champions Jeff Kolka and Serge Corbin. Allen Limberg (2006 with Jim Harwood) is also back with Barbara Bradley.

This year's marathon has so many competitors who continually finish in the top ten slots, that it will be a very exciting race to watch. There are several teams to

watch this year striving to finish in the top position. The new team of Matt Streib and Steve Kolonich (#89) each has a history of top ten finishes. Matt finished second behind Triebold and Rimer, by 38 seconds last year and Steve is a strong paddler and has finished in the top five on several occasions. The youngsters Ryan and Rod Halstead (#87), have provided stiff competition to finish second 2006, and third in 2007. Other top ten contenders include the teams of Tony Short and Brad Bauer (#81), Brad Gross & Rick Joy (#11), and Josh Taylor and Matt Meersman (#13).

Beginning with this year's marathon, a bonus award, sponsored by Glen's Markets of Grayling, Oscoda and Mio, will go to the top three canoes in the Newbie-first timers division. To obtain this bonus, both paddlers in the canoe must be competing in their first AuSable River International Canoe Marathon. This year, there are 11 teams vying for this award. In addition to these first-time teams, there will be 19 other paddlers attempting their initial marathon.

Spectators begin gathering on the banks of the AuSable at 6pm Saturday, July 26th at the Old AuSable Paddle Sports Center. Fans are encouraged to follow their favorite teams as they make their way through the night to the finish line. See inside for important information regarding times, safety information and the paddler profiles.

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July 24 -

- Scott McNamara Ford Time Trials for the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River International Canoe Marathon - 4 - 8 pm, Penrod's Canoe Livery
- Business Relay Races sponsored by Hanson Hills, 5 to 7 pm from Penrod's Canoe Livery to Old AuSable Canoe Livery
- AuSable River C-1 Express Race sponsored by Springs Wood Products, 7:15 pm from Penrod's Canoe Livery to Burton's Landing

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Amateur Radio Association of Hanson Hills ~ for its excellent radio communication support during the race.

Ken Wright ~ for being the Marathon webmaster.

Kirtland Community College ~ for hosting the Marathon website and providing massage therapy for the paddlers.

OTEC Communications ~ for hand-held radios for start-line communications.

Wayne Hindmarsh & Cheryl Ales ~ for being start-line emcees.

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Avita ~ for providing water for the start-line VIP tent.

Becca Clemm ~ for managing the VIP tent.

Glen's ~ for providing food at the VIP tent.

The Old AuSable ~ for hosting the race start.

The AuSable Inn & Finish Line Sports Bar ~ for hosting the race finish.

Penrod's Resort ~ for hosting the time trials for position.

Becky Ramaswamy ~ for singing at the time trials.

Tim Zigala ~ for being emcee at the Marathon Dinner.

Borcher's Canoe Livery & Carlisle Canoe Livery ~ for providing additional parking during the time trials.

Gott's Landing ~ for the use of their facilities during the race.

Mio Dam Team ~ for assistance at

Mio Dam.

Mark & Cheri Hunter / Borcher's Canoe Livery ~ for organizing the youth races.

Mike Wieland ~ for emceeing the time trials for position.

Camp Grayling & the Michigan National Guard ~ for logistical support.

Bill Gannon ~ for the use of his storefront for the Marathon merchandise store.

Crawford AuSable Federation of Teachers ~ for organizing and staffing the merchandise store.

Crawford County Road Commission ~ for logistical support.

Mobile Medical Response (MMR) & Oscoda Area First Responders ~ for providing EMT and ambulance service.

Consumers Energy ~ for its cooperation and use of its facilities.

Sandra Moore ~ for organizing the pre-race program and opening ceremonies.

All the Volunteers ~ for assistance with the many jobs, including canoe measuring, raffle ticket sales, distribution of program books, timing, staffing the race office, running the pre-race program and doing all the other tasks that make the Marathon a success.

Grayling area businesses ~ for their support of the Marathon.

The Sheriff's Departments of Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona & Iosco Counties, Grayling Police Department, Oscoda Township

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July 25

- The Casey Challenge ~ Borcher's Annual Canoe Race - Ages 18 and under, 10 am, Borcher's Canoe Livery
- Scott McNamara Ford Time Trials for the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River International Canoe Marathon - 2:00 - 5:45 pm, Penrod's Canoe Livery
- Special Olympics Challenge - Sponsored by the Knight of Columbus 4:30 pm, Penrod's Canoe Livery.
- Marathon Dinner - 6 pm, Ramada Inn

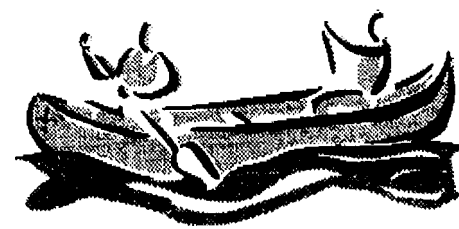
July 26

- Classic Car Show - 9 am to 2 pm in Uptown Grayling
- Marathon Pre-Race Briefing - Noon, Citizens Bank lawn
- AuSable River Festival "Celebrate Grayling" Parade - 3 pm, Michigan Avenue
- Shagbark Angus Challenge Race - 5 - 7 pm, from Old AuSable Canoe Livery to Burton's Landing
- Pre-Marathon Program - 5 pm at the Old AuSable Canoe Livery
- Activities to include:
- Posting of Colors by the Michigan National Guard approx. 7 pm
- Challenge Race Award Ceremony
- Marathon Raffle Drawing at 8:45
- Introductions of Paddlers - approx. 7:15 pm
- Running of the 61st Weyerhaeuser AuSable River International Canoe Marathon Race - 9 pm,

July 27 - Avita Black Bear Bicycle Tour - 8 am shotgun start in Downtown.

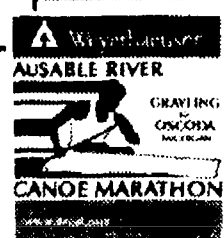
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| ✓ Paper & pencils with erasers | ✓ Washcloth (frozen wet in a plastic bag) & soap | ✓ Cooler with snacks, water & other non-alcoholic drinks |
| ✓ AuSable Valley River Paddle, Pedal & Camp Map | ✓ Toothpaste & brush | ✓ Thermos of hot coffee or cocoa |
| ✓ Water | ✓ Pre-moistened towelettes | |
| ✓ Lawn chair | ✓ Litter bag | |
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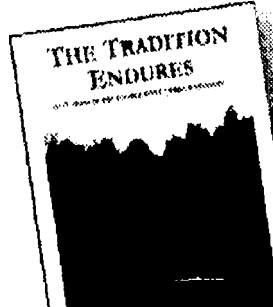
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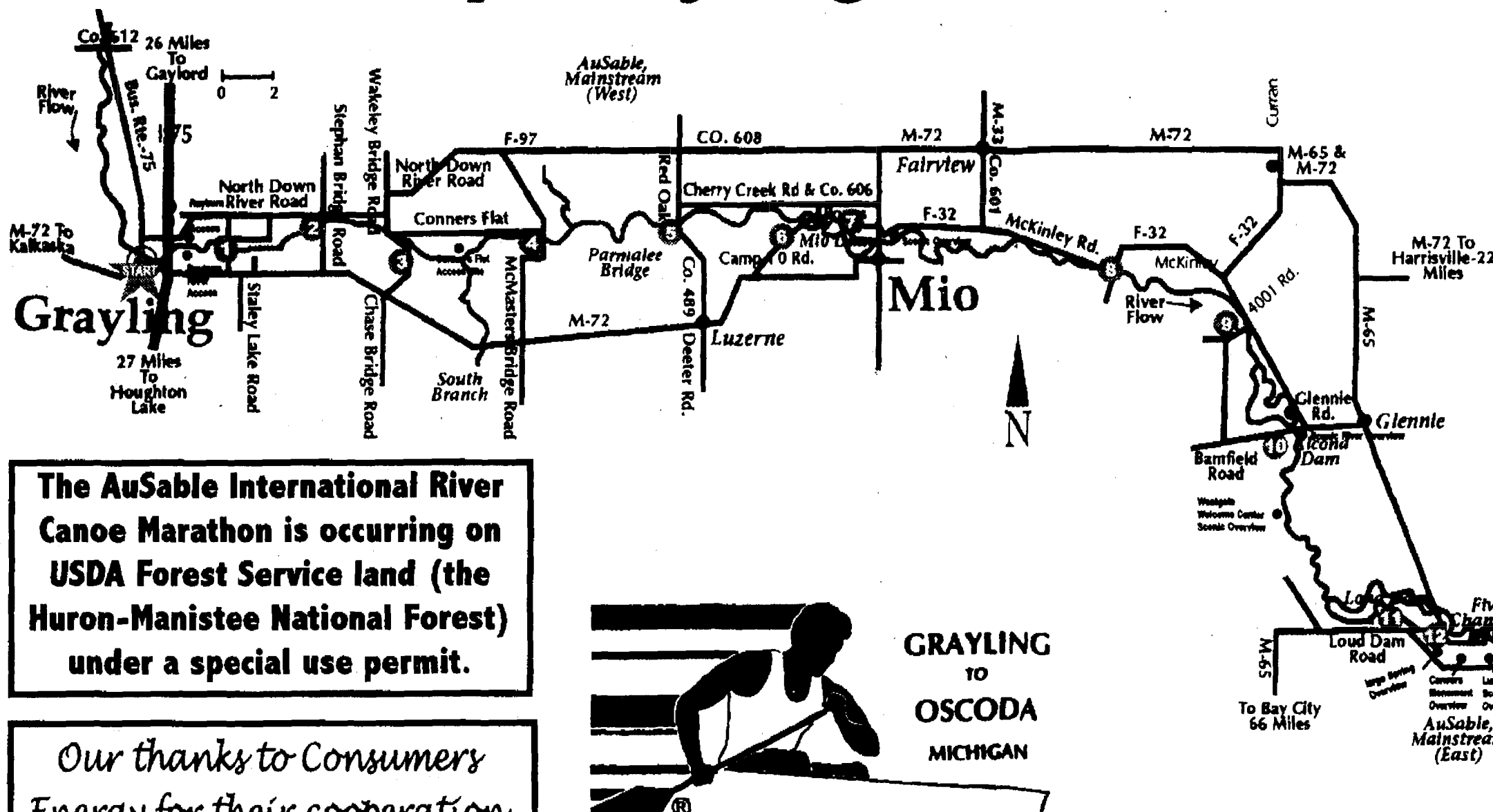
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- Monday, July 14th through Friday, July 25th - ARICM Outlet Store - Downtown Grayling
- Thursday & Friday, July 24th & 25th evenings - ARICM Time Trials
- Friday, July 25th - 6:30pm, Marathon Dinner
- Saturday, July 26th - Throughout the day, Citizens Bank lawn
- Saturday, July 26th - 3:00 to 9:00pm, Ingham Street, near the AuSable River & I-75 Business Loop



ARICM Outlet Store Located Next to Stevens Restaurant On Main Street Grayling!!

Course Map Grayling to Oscoda



Leaders' Arrival Time (approx.)

Map Location

1. Burton's Landing9:40 pm
2. Stephan Bridge10:15 pm
3. Wakeley Bridge10:45 pm
4. McMasters Bridge11:45 pm
5. Parmalee Bridge12:45 am
6. Camp 10 Bridge1:55 am
7. Mio Dam2:15 am
8. McKinley Bridge4:00 am
9. 4001 Bridge.....5:00 am
10. Alcona Dam.....5:30 am
11. Loud Dam.....7:20 am
12. Five Channels Dam 7:45 am
13. Cooke Dam8:45 am
14. Foote Dam10:00 am
15. Oscoda (finish)11:15 am

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Canoe # 0

Sponsor 1 Zaverl Racing Equipment
Competitor Janet Bradford
City Lapeer
Marathons 0
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? I have been a feeder for 20 Marathons.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience?
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation Retired
Competitor Robert Bradford
City Lapeer
Marathons 20
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? To race with my son Mike in 1982.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? 2007 paddling with my son and in 1986 winning the amateur division with Mike.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Lots of bugs in the bow of the canoe with the light on.
Occupation Retired

Canoe # 1

Sponsor 1 Savage River Canoes
Competitor Andrew Triebold
City Spring Arbor
Marathons 7
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Family
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing it for the 1st time.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Cheese Curds
Occupation Hog Farmer
Competitor Steve Lajoie
City Mirabel
Marathons 6
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? My father canoe raced.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Winning the Marathon in 2004.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Sardines
Occupation Airplane designer

Canoe # 2

Sponsor 1 AuSable Inn
Competitor Barb Bradley
City Wausau
Sponsor 2 Fick & Sons
Age 51
State/Province WI

Marathons 6
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The excitement of the race.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Crossing the finishline for the first time.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? I don't eat anything odd
Occupation Chiropractor and Physical Therapist
Competitor Allen Limberg
City Wausau
Marathons 10
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The challenge
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Many experiences, 1st Marathon I paddled with John Hugas. The 5th when my wife got airlifted and the 8th when I won with Jim Harwood.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation Surgical Technologist Landlord

Canoe # 3

Sponsor 1 Westside Diner
Competitor Joe Shaw
City Worthington
Marathons 11
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon?
What is your most memorable Marathon experience?
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation Financial Advisor/Business Broker
Competitor Josh Sheldon
City Otterville
Marathons 3
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Family and growing up in Grayling
What is your most memorable Marathon experience?
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation Smallarms Repairer

Canoe # 6

Sponsor 1 Three Rivers Corporation
Competitor Don Brooks
City Beaverton
Marathons 9
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Growing up in Grayling and watching it.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Too many to list, many exceptional memories.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Oreo cookies!
Occupation Police Officer
Competitor Steve Bis
City Sanford
Marathons 1
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? My partner Don Brooks got me into the sport.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing my first Marathon last year.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Carr's trail mix
Occupation Health and Safety Specialist

Canoe # 7

Sponsor 1 Alcona Canoes
Competitor John Langstaff
City Twining
Marathons 0
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The physical rigor and my competitive spirit.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience?
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation Student/ future teacher
Competitor Kevin Ornatowski
City Tawas City
Marathons 0
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? I would like to someday complete the Marathon with my daughter Mallory.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience?
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation Owner of Alcona Canoes

Canoe # 8

Sponsor 1 Continental Rental
Competitor Nick Walton
City Haslett
Marathons 2
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Pete Mead, one of the greatest paddlers I know.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing 10th in 2007.



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What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

A Burger King Chicken Sandwich

Occupation Sprinkler Fitter

Competitor Pete Mead Age 27
City Traverse City State/Province MI
Marathons 8 Best Finish 10th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The competitive nature of the sport.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Passing 6 boats in an 1-1/2 from Foote Dam to the finishline.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Pickles and olives

Occupation Educator

Canoe # 9

Sponsor 1 Fly Factory - Ray's Canoeing Sponsor 2 Paul Olson - Municipal Underwriters of MI
Competitor Al Widing Sr. Age 83
City Mio State/Province MI
Marathons 36 Best Finish 2nd

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? An article in the paper.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Racing with Karl Ketter when I was 16 and taking 3rd place in 1963.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Cooked red potatoes and grapes

Occupation Retired

Competitor Sean Casey Age 29
City Mt Pleasant State/Province MI
Marathons 8 Best Finish 15th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Growing up in Grayling

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Racing with Al last year.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Coffee and donuts

Occupation Borchers' Canoe Livery Ass. Manager and Bellman

Canoe # 11

Sponsor 1 Thumb National Bank Sponsor 2 Kellogg's Bridge One Stop Shop
Competitor Rick Joy Age 49
City Silverwood State/Province MI
Marathons 31 Best Finish 3rd

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Night paddling and the endurance challenge

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Breaking the all time race record in '94, even though we finished 3rd.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Pizza

Occupation Retired from GM

Competitor Brad Gross Age 39
City Pinconning State/Province MI
Marathons 3 Best Finish 7th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Family

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Donny and his soup below Mio.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Egg salad sandwich

Occupation Sales Manager

Canoe # 12

Sponsor 1 Barton Farms Sponsor 2 Endurance Adventures
Competitor Real Carriere Age 24
City Cumberland House State/Province Saskatchewan
Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon?

What is your most memorable Marathon experience?

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation Student

Competitor Solomon Carriere Age 51
City Cumberland House State/Province Saskatchewan
Marathons 7 Best Finish 1st

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon?

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? This one, paddling with my son.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

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Canoe # 13

Sponsor 1 Ausable Well Service Sponsor 2 The Livery - Microbrewery
Competitor Matt Meersman Age 31
City South Bend State/Province IN
Marathons 3 Best Finish 9th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Competition, getting out on the water

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Getting knocked out of the boat by a large tree branch in my first Marathon.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Mashed Potatoes

Occupation Environmental Planner

Competitor Josh Taylor Age 29
City Grayling State/Province MI
Marathons 4 Best Finish 6th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The chance to compete against the best.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Taking 6th place with Mitch McMillan.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Pickles and gummy bears

Occupation Rig Hand

Canoe # 14

Sponsor 1 Jim Wernig Chevrolet of Gaylord Sponsor 2 Weyerhaeuser
Competitor Matthew Rimer Age 24
City Grayling State/Province MI
Marathons 9 Best Finish 1st

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The Triple Crown

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Surprising my mother last year when I gave her her final pit at Foote Dam after I had won the race.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Sour Patch Kids

Occupation Auto Detailing

Competitor Bill Torongo Age 46
City Roscommon State/Province MI
Marathons 24 Best Finish 2nd

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Paddling is good clean fun.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience?

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation Weyerhaeuser, Manufacturing

Canoe # 15

Sponsor 1 AIG Financial Advisors - Nate Hairgrove Sponsor 2 Out Your Backdoor Magazine
Competitor Tim Feldkamp Age 42
City Ann Arbor State/Province MI
Marathons 3 Best Finish 40th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? 60 years of Michigan Tradition and History

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? See the finishline for the first time (2002).

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Pizza and Burgers

Occupation Auto Engineer

Competitor Grant Tally Age 46
City Flat Rock State/Province MI
Marathons 3 Best Finish 47th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The effort it takes to get fast.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing last in 2005 and being proud of it.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Tylenol by mistake.

Occupation Automotive Designer

Canoe # 17

Sponsor 1 Lucky & Laura's Liquor and Lotto Sponsor 2 Shaw Contracting
Competitor Eric Dittenber Age 30
City Grand Rapids State/Province MI
Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? My cousin

What is your most memorable Marathon experience?

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation

Competitor Frank Taber Age 58
City Lowell State/Province MI
Marathons 18 Best Finish 1st Amateur

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? A sport the whole family can do and the challenge of the Marathon.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation Retired Engineer

Canoe # 18

Sponsor 1 Grayling Restaurant Sponsor 2 Scott Pittman Builder
Competitor Matt Hellebuyck Age 17
City Grayling State/Province MI
Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? All the fans

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? N/A

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation Dishwasher

Competitor Ryan Harris Age 17
City Grayling State/Province MI
Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Watching my Uncle Jim Harwood

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? N/A

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Grapes

Occupation Dishwasher

Canoe # 19

Sponsor 1 Raindance Sprinkling Systems Sponsor 2 Gilbert Drugs
Competitor Karl Wainwright Age 39
City Oscoda State/Province MI
Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The Challenge

What is your most memorable Marathon experience?

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation Irrigation Specialist

Competitor Rodney Matthews Age 53
City Oscoda State/Province MI
Marathons 5 Best Finish 25th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The Challenge

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Paddling in thick fog from Mio to Alcona Dams

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Salt covered fruit

Occupation Professional Automotive Tech

Canoe # 20

Sponsor 1 Northwestern Bank Sponsor 2 Roscommon Insurance
Competitor Katrice Church Age 36
City Roscommon State/Province MI
Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The Challenge

What is your most memorable Marathon experience?

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation Pacemaker Technician

Competitor Mark Church Age 36
City Roscommon State/Province MI
Marathons 4 Best Finish

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The Challenge

What is your most memorable Marathon experience?

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation 5th grade teacher

Canoe # 21

Sponsor 1 Kialoa Sponsor 2 Insurance Associates
Competitor Steve Leppard Age 33
City Portage State/Province MI
Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Overnight canoe racing, competition, what more do I have to say.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience?

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation Physical Therapist

Competitor Brandon Gerardy Age 27
City Grand Blanc State/Province MI
Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? An overnight canoe race seems awesome!

What is your most memorable Marathon experience?

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation Graduate Student

Canoe # 22

Sponsor 1 Committee to elect David R Sabin for Prosecutor Sponsor 2 Arctic Glacier Ice Company
Competitor Lee Barnett Age 27
City Grayling State/Province MI
Marathons 3 Best Finish

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Working at the canoe liveries and watching the Marathon.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience?

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation Mechanic at MATES

Competitor Colin Hunter Age 27
City Grayling State/Province MI
Marathons 12 Best Finish 11th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Living on the river and watching teams race each year.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Showing Josh Taylor & Jason Hall where to go to & being outsprinted by them for 10th place.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Lived in Grayling, had no choice.

Occupation 46th Circuit Court Law Clerk

Canoe # 23

Sponsor 1 Wood Haven Log & Lumber Sponsor 2 Mio Rental and Retail
Competitor Ashley Marsh Age 31
City Mio State/Province MI
Marathons 5 Best Finish 24th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Feeding Ted & Frank Smutek and the crazy fans at the bridges.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing 24th place the year of the frightening fog of 2004.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Hamburgers

Occupation P.E. and Health Teacher

Competitor Brad Wilson Age 26
City Rockford State/Province MI
Marathons 7 Best Finish 26th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The challenge and the river.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing when I was 15 in 1997.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Pizza

Occupation PE and Health Teacher

Canoe # 24

Sponsor 1 Denno's Tree Service Sponsor 2 Grayling Generating Station
Competitor Justin Denno Age 19
City Grayling State/Province MI
Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Watching Jeff Kolka all my life.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? When canoe #16 outlasted #1 in the 2005 Marathon

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation Tree Arborist

Competitor Jorden Wakeley Age 18
City Grayling State/Province MI
Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The challenge of canoe racing and the beauty of the Ausable.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? 2005 Marathon when Kolka and Corbin won by 1 second.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation Lumberjack

Canoe # 26

Sponsor 1 Cardinal Appraisals (Whitemore) Sponsor 2 Doug's Disposal
Competitor Joe Pollock Age 49
City Edmore State/Province MI
Marathons 9 Best Finish 17th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The Challenge of the race.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? All are memorable.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation retired

Competitor Troy Harrison Age 24
City Freeland State/Province MI
Marathons 1 Best Finish 47th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The challenge of the sport.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? When I finally crossed the finishline.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? I take a dip of chew.

Occupation Student

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Canoe # 27

Sponsor 1 Fay's Motel
Competitor Dwight Walker
City Marshall
Marathons 12
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? A friend at work talked me into doing a local race and then progressed further.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing my 1st Marathon.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Oreos
Occupation Copier Field Service Technician

Sponsor 2 Wheaton Construction, Frederic MI
Age 54
State/Province MI
Best Finish 14th

Competitor Bill Kanost
City Valparaiso
Marathons 1
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? I won \$125 at a local race. We didn't win it!! The Challenge
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Paddling the Marathon with Dwight Walker.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Pickle juice
Occupation School Maintenance

Canoe # 28

Sponsor 1 Vicki Cummings
City Meriden
Marathons 1
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Fun and friends
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Hearing the music at the finishline in Oscoda.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Pasta
Occupation Reading Teacher

Sponsor 2 Age 46
State/Province CT
Best Finish 34th

Competitor Del Cummings
City Meriden
Marathons 1
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The Challenge
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing 2 years ago.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Rice balls
Occupation Chemistry Teacher

Canoe # 29

Sponsor 1 AuSable Real Estate Services
Competitor Jerry Killingbeck
City East Tawas
Marathons 6
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? It's in the blood.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing with Leroy Lavigne.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation Machinist

Sponsor 2 Pietrowski's Irish Pub
Age 39
State/Province MI
Best Finish 26

Competitor Ted Matthews
City East Tawas
Marathons 3
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The love of the river.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? My first time paddling the Marathon.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation Construction Co-coordinator

Canoe # 30

Sponsor 1 Fay's Motel
Competitor Lee Jarpey
City Minneapolis
Marathons 2
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon?
What is your most memorable Marathon experience?
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation

Sponsor 2 Age 65
State/Province MN
Best Finish 53rd

Competitor Keith Canny
City Andover
Marathons 5
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon?
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? 2004 going upstream in the fog.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation Machinist

Canoe # 31

Sponsor 1 Fay's Motel
Competitor Io Harberts
City Minneapolis
Marathons 2
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The challenge and I liked to do things in the dark.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? I fell asleep and fell out of the boat at Loud.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Watermelon
Occupation French Teacher

Sponsor 2 Age 48
State/Province MN
Best Finish 55th

Competitor Joe Dunaisky
City Randall
Marathons 0
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? A new challenge after 22 years of racing bikes.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? How cold I got feeding 1st year.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Pringles
Occupation School Psychologist

Canoe # 32

Sponsor 1 Jeff's Cabins and Lumber
Competitor Julie Janish
City Whittemore Lake

Sponsor 2 Age 17
State/Province MI

Marathons 0

Best Finish N/A
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The Challenge.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience?
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation Student

Competitor Jeff Janish
City Whittemore Lake
Marathons 1
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The Challenge.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience?
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation Carpenter/Farmer

Canoe # 33

Sponsor 1 Luzerne Express
Competitor Michael Kies
City Saint Charles
Marathons 0
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Watching the race.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience?
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation Director of Health and Wellness Center

Sponsor 2 Age 36
State/Province IL
Best Finish N/A

Competitor David Kies
City Manhattan
Marathons 0
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Watching the race.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience?
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation PE Teacher

Canoe # 35

Sponsor 1 Nick Lyesluk
City Orange
Marathons 1
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon?
What is your most memorable Marathon experience?
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation

Sponsor 2 Age 64
State/Province MA
Best Finish

Competitor Chuck Baxter
City Athol
Marathons 1
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? After racing an Athol race, I got hooked. This race is the anti-Marathon, it has 300+ boats but only 75 boats actually have any skill.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? My first feed my feeders put mu jug into the boat but my hose was in the water and my jug siphoned out. McMasters our feeder slipped and flipped us and we lost everything.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Cold slimy pasta
Occupation Chiropractor

Canoe # 36

Sponsor 1 Fay's Motel
Competitor Doug Gillin
City Adrian
Marathons 3
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? A friend and the physical challenge.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? In 2000 as a first timer and amateur being in 24th place at Burton's Landing.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation Carpenter/Builder

Sponsor 2 Outback Steakhouse of Traverse City
Age 49
State/Province MI
Best Finish 21st

Competitor Michael Garon
City Washington
Marathons 13
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The stress management gained during the race.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? The start of my first Marathon.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation Manager Clinical Engineer

Canoe # 37

Sponsor 1 Larry Frederick
City Archer
Marathons 1
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? It seemed like a good idea at the time and after 13 years I'm still racing.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? The people of Grayling are the most supportive I've ever encountered.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation Retired engineer

Sponsor 2 Age 58
State/Province FL
Best Finish 44th

Competitor Dick Kluss
City Hensall
Marathons 5
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? My son was paddling and I was tired of bank running for him.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? My first Marathon I got 1st place in the Master's Division.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Bananas - Ensure - peaches
Occupation Retired

Canoe # 40

Sponsor 1 Milltown Electric
Competitor Joe Seifert
City Grayling
Marathons 11
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Family and living 31 years in the

Sponsor 2 Fred Mills Builder
Age 56
State/Province MI
Best Finish 10th

Grayling area.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? A 15 hour Marathon with Fred.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation Electrician

Competitor Fred Mills
City Roscommon
Marathons 11
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Myself, dad's brother did Grayling to Oscoda in 5 days fishing and camping.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? 1st finish with my brother in 1995.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Being a bowman I have to say lots of bugs.
Occupation Builder

Canoe # 41

Sponsor 1 Herb Olson Agency Farm Bureau Insurance
Competitor Heather Compton
City Roscommon
Marathons 0
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Ellen asked me to and I must have said yes.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience?
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation Social Studies Teacher

Sponsor 2 Salon Rue
Age 33
State/Province MI
Best Finish N/A

Competitor Ellen Thompson
City Lewiston
Marathons 2
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The challenge of the race and the beauty of the AuSable River.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? 2007 Mist on the river, clear sky and full moon above - gorgeous.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Homemade power cookies & grapes
Occupation Teacher

Canoe # 42

Sponsor 1 Riverland
Competitor Todd Van De Ven
City Galesburg
Marathons 6
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Growing up in Grayling and watching the race.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Being the first 15 year old team to finish the Marathon.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Licorice
Occupation US Army

Sponsor 2 Hartman's Flyshop of Lovells
Age 26
State/Province MI
Best Finish 9th

Competitor Jon Thompson
City Lewiston
Marathons 7
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The endurance part of the Marathon.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing 2007 Marathon with Jason and Ellen.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation Writing Instructor/ KCC

Canoe # 43

Sponsor 1 Luke Magnusson
City Haslett
Marathons 0
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? It is a fast and very difficult river.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience?
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation Pizza Hut Server

Sponsor 2 Age 18
State/Province MI
Best Finish N/A

Competitor Tucker Heiler
City Haslett
Marathons 0
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? It's very challenging.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience?
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation Grocery Store Clerk

Canoe # 45

Sponsor 1 Ridge Bridge Farm
Competitor Skip Conant
City Avon
Marathons 1
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Interest since early 80's during my days at MI Tech.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Receiving the checkered flag at the finishline in Oscoda.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Peanut Butter and Jelly
Occupation Vice President of Conant Crane Rental Company

Sponsor 2 Conant Crane Rental Co.
Age 47
State/Province OH
Best Finish 58

Competitor Andy Tenbusch
City Avon
Marathons 1
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? My stern partner talked me into it.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Making Mio Dam with 2-1/2 minutes until the 7 hour cut-off.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation Naval Aviation Officer

Canoe # 46

Sponsor 1 Knights of Columbus of Grayling
Competitor John Lucey
City Grayling
Marathons 5
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The lure of the AuSable river and the

Sponsor 2 Xpress Copy Center
Age 44
State/Province MI
Best Finish 36th

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excitement of the event.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Paddling with my son Ben and tipping in Mio pond during that Marathon.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Peanut M & M's

Occupation Forensic Scientist

Competitor Cheryl Lucey **Age** 46

City Grayling **State/Province** MI

Marathons 3 **Best Finish** 40th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The beauty of the river and the roar of the crowds during the night.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Loosing our light in Mio Pond then making it through the stump pond ok in the fog and popping out of it at Mio dam and hearing Beth yelling it's mom and dad.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Craisins

Occupation Substitute Teacher

Canoe # 47

Sponsor 1 **Sponsor 2**

Competitor Carina Peritore **Age** 30

City Somerville **State/Province** MA

Marathons 0 **Best Finish** N/A

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? NECKRA competitions, excellent & inspiring training partners

What is your most memorable Marathon experience?

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Gummy bears

Occupation Graduate Student

Competitor Jeff DeFeo **Age** 53

City Chester **State/Province** MA

Marathons 8 **Best Finish** 34

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? 1st time it was the night paddling since then the people of the Grayling Area.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Fog and cold of the 2004 race.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Pretzels

Occupation Home Builder

Canoe # 48

Sponsor 1 R.O. Quick Construction

Sponsor 2 Newton Plumbing and Heating

Competitor Daniel Rabinkin **Age** 39

City Arlington **State/Province** MA

Marathons 1 **Best Finish** 40th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? It's the biggest race in North America.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Flipping in the stump field in Mio Pond at 2 a.m.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Tortellini

Occupation Engineer

Competitor Ray Quick **Age** 53

City Millington **State/Province** MI

Marathons 14 **Best Finish** 1st Am

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The challenge.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? When I raced with my son in 2006.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? M&M's

Occupation General Contractor

Canoe # 49

Sponsor 1 Upper Lakes Tire

Sponsor 2 Arctic Glacier Premium Ice

Competitor Matt Rudnitsky **Age** 21

City Gilbertsville **State/Province** NY

Marathons 0 **Best Finish** N/A

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? I was attracted to racing after watching a few races.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience?

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation Student

Competitor Ray Trudgeon **Age** 26

City East Lansing **State/Province** MI

Marathons 5 **Best Finish** 12th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? I could only be a feeder so many times before racing the stupid thing.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Racing the Marathon with my dad and aunt.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Peanut butter and banana sandwiches

Occupation Civil Engineer

Canoe # 51

Sponsor 1 Fay's Motel

Sponsor 2 Zoar Outdoor

Competitor Neil LeBlanc **Age** 59

City Athol **State/Province** MA

Marathons 0 **Best Finish** N/A

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? A local canoe race in Athol "The Rat Race"

What is your most memorable Marathon experience?

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation Shee Metal Worker

Competitor Brenda Bowie **Age** 42

City Shelburne Falls **State/Province** MA

Marathons 0 **Best Finish** N/A

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon?

What is your most memorable Marathon experience?

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation Cardiology Nurse Practitioner

Canoe # 53

Sponsor 1 **Sponsor 2**

Competitor Dave Lawe **Age** 17

City Grayling **State/Province** MI

Marathons 1 **Best Finish** DNF

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Family races.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Mio Dam portage

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Potatoes

Occupation Student

Competitor Martin Spees **Age** 38

City Flint **State/Province** MI

Marathons 2 **Best Finish** 51st

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The challenge and great family oriented competitors.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Seeing the finish line

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Potatoes

Occupation Civil Engineering

Canoe # 54

Sponsor 1 Penrod's Canoe Livery

Sponsor 2 Lone Pine Restaurant

Competitor Connie Cannon **Age** 47

City East Lansing **State/Province** MI

Marathons 10 **Best Finish** 10th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Seeing it as a child and pitting for my brother Bruce Barton.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? 10th place finish with husband Tom and 1994 Women's Record with Carrie Trudgeon (now Montgomery)

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Gummy Dinosaurs

Occupation School Secretary/ Glencarin Elementary School

Competitor Lynne Witte **Age** 54

City Mt. Clemens **State/Province** MI

Marathons 28 **Best Finish** 4th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The opportunity to challenge myself.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Paddling Mio to McKinley during a beautiful display of lightening..

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation Elementary Teacher

Canoe # 56

Sponsor 1 Roscommon Glas

Sponsor 2 Ken's Tire and Auto

Competitor Brandon Pollen **Age** 17

City Ava **State/Province** MO

Marathons 0 **Best Finish** N/A

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Friends

What is your most memorable Marathon experience?

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation Student

Competitor Daniel Goss **Age** 15

City Roscommon **State/Province** MI

Marathons 0 **Best Finish** N/A

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Tony Medina

What is your most memorable Marathon experience?

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation Student

Canoe # 58

Sponsor 1 Dewey's Automotive Repair

Sponsor 2 Scott McNamara Ford

Competitor Ryan McClure **Age** 18

City Roscommon **State/Province** MI

Marathons 2 **Best Finish** 21st

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Paddling with my dad.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing 25th our first year.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation Student

Competitor Timothy McClure **Age** 49

City Roscommon **State/Province** MI

Marathons 2 **Best Finish** 21st

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Paddling with my son.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing 25th our first year.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches

Occupation School Teacher

Canoe # 60

Sponsor 1 Mobile Medical Response

Sponsor 2 Big Boy of Grayling

Competitor Mark Bialek **Age** 37

City Whitmore Lake **State/Province** MI

Marathons 3 **Best Finish** 9th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Growing up in Oscoda near the AuSable River.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing for the first time.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Just regular foods.

Occupation Photographer

Competitor Jason Hatfield **Age** 30

City Grayling **State/Province** MI

Marathons 2 **Best Finish** 28th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Growing up in Grayling and watching friends participate.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience?

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Yellow watermelon

Occupation DTE Employee

Canoe # 62

Sponsor 1 **Sponsor 2**

Competitor Mark Koenig **Age** 50

City Woodstock **State/Province** IL

Marathons 1 **Best Finish** DNF

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? It looked like it hurt a lot and I like pain.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Still waiting.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation Landscaper

Competitor David Timmerman **Age** 50

City Dubuque

State/Province IA

Marathons 8 **Best Finish** 21st

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Competition

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? The start of my first Marathon.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Lots and lots of bugs.

Occupation Glass Co. Manager

Canoe # 65

Sponsor 1 American Collision of Mio

Sponsor 2 The Trophy Trolley

Competitor Frank Smutek **Age** 74

City Luzerne **State/Province** MI

Marathons 15 **Best Finish** 8th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? I grew up in Oscoda - The Bissonette Brothers were my heroes.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? The first Marathon with each of my four kids.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Orange slices floating in the boat.

Occupation Retired

Competitor Brad Solak **Age** 18

City Traverse City **State/Province** MI

Marathons 0 **Best Finish** N/A

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? I have to finish it with my grandpa.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience?

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation Student

Canoe # 66

Sponsor 1 **Sponsor 2**

Competitor Steve Watson **Age** 36

City Onaway **State/Province** MI

Marathons 7 **Best Finish** 6th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? I watched my cousin Mark Kolka finish 8th in 1987.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Paddling in lightening in the 2002 Marathon.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Hostess Donuts.

Occupation Teacher

Competitor Jeff Rankinen **Age** 43

City Jersey Shore **State/Province** PA

Marathons 3 **Best Finish** 7th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The challenge of racing against top paddlers.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Watching two teams take a wrong turn on Mio Pond during the race.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Soup.

Occupation Teacher

Canoe # 68

Sponsor 1 Gilbert Drugs Oscoda

Sponsor 2 Northern Greenlawn Traverse City

Competitor Steve Krantz **Age** 53

City Hale **State/Province** MI

Marathons 13 **Best Finish** 3rd

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The challenge of pushing your body to the limit.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Crossing the finishline in Oscoda.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation DNR Park Supervisor

Competitor Joey Kimsel **Age** 27

City Oscoda **State/Province** MI

Marathons 4 **Best Finish** 25th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The River.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience?

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when the sun was coming up I remember saying, "I'm never paddling again but the next thing I thought was I just bought \$1000 worth of paddles.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation Police Officer

Canoe # 77

Sponsor 1 Alaska Bowhunting Supply (home of the "Grizzly Stik")

Sponsor 2 Backcountry Archery

Competitor Ray Wonders

Age 47

City Anchorage

State/Province AK

Marathons 2

Best Finish 47th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Growing up in Grayling and following the race as a kid. It has history.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Night paddling and crossing the finish line.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Moose Jerky.

Occupation Senior Procurement Specialist

Competitor Ray Wonders Jr

Age 15

City Anchorage

State/Province AK

Marathons 0

Best Finish N/A

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Watching and following the race with my dad. He has been planning this since I could hold a paddle.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Watching my dad and uncle finish the race. That was really exciting.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Perpetuem - it is really gross!

Occupation Student/Yard Worker

Canoe # 78

Sponsor 1 Michael Schlimmer

Sponsor 2

Competitor Cortland

Age 21

City Cortland

State/Province NY

Marathons 0

Best Finish N/A

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? My dad has been trying for years so I decided to out do him.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Won the Amateur Division for the General Clinton.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? 2 liters of Mt Dew

Occupation Student/IT

Competitor Benedict Schlimmer

Age 19

City Cortland

State/Province NY

Marathons 0

Best Finish N/A

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Attempting to complete the Triple Crown.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Winning the Amateur Division of General Clinton.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Sweet Tarts

Occupation Student/Bike Repairman

Canoe # 79

Sponsor 1 AJD Forest Products

Sponsor 2 Save - A - Lot

Competitor Doug Moggo

Age 46

City Grayling

State/Province MI

Marathons 10

Best Finish 10th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? I watched the race when I was younger.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing for the first time.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? French Toast

Occupation Saw Mill Worker

Competitor Josh Moggo

Age 16

City Grayling

State/Province MI

Marathons 1

Best Finish DNF

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Watching my dad train throughout the years

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? I like going fast.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation Bike Mechanic

Canoe # 80

Sponsor 1 Big Creek Bump and Paint of Luzerne

Sponsor 2 James H Smith Building Design of Traverse City

Competitor Bill Smutek

Age 40

City Luzerne

State/Province MI

Marathons 4

Best Finish 42nd

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Father and I raced in the 50th Marathon.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing with my Dad.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Pizza flavored Combo's.

Occupation Auto Body Mechanic

Competitor Jim Mangutz

Age 44

City Mio

State/Province MI

Marathons 1

Best Finish 48th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? I was a feeder for Frank Smutek for years.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing in my first attempt with Chris Scully in 2006.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation Dentist

Canoe # 81

Sponsor 1 Tony Short

Sponsor 2

Competitor Indian River

Age 44

City Indian River

State/Province MI

Marathons 20+

Best Finish 2nd

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Watching as a boy and spending my summer in Grayling on the river.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Coming from behind in 1993 to place 3rd & 2001 to place 2nd.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Pringles and Ensure

Occupation Self Employed

Competitor Brad Bauer

Age 34

City Seattle

State/Province WA

Marathons 4

Best Finish 5th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Racing with a legend

What is your most memorable Marathon experience?

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation Teacher

Canoe # 82

Sponsor 1 Fay's Motel and Cottages

Sponsor 2 Oscoda Floral

Competitor David Teddy

Age 34

City Dexter

State MI

Marathons 8

Best Finish 9th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The unique challenge of the race.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Several motivational strategies used by past feeder crews.

What is the oddest thing you eat during the Marathon? Go-Gurt & Rice Krispy Treats.

Occupation Teacher

Competitor Russ Reker

Age 44

City Lapeer

State MI

Marathons 4

Best Finish 12th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon?

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? My first Marathon all of the encouragement from fellow paddlers.

What is the oddest thing you eat during the Marathon? Peanut butter and jelly.

Occupation Engineer

Canoe # 83

Sponsor 1 Shaun Koos

Sponsor 2

Competitor Leavenworth

Age 54

City Leavenworth

State/Province WA

Marathons 0

Best Finish N/A

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? It had a great history.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience?

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation Hospital Administrator

Competitor Ray Bauer

Age 51

City Cincinnati

State/Province OH

Marathons 7

Best Finish 24th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The distance of the river and the people in the AuSable area.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? The fog of 2004

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation Splicer

Canoe # 84

Sponsor 1 ECS Group

Sponsor 2 Traverse Saw Service

Competitor Nathan Winkler

Age 36

City Interlochen

State/Province MI

Marathons 6

Best Finish 28th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? My wife wouldn't let me be a smoke jumper, this was the next best thing.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Having Connie Cannon say "yes" when I asked her to do the Marathon.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Venison

Occupation Fisheries Biologist

Competitor Garth Greenan

Age 53

City Traverse City

State/Province MI

Marathons 4

Best Finish 47th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Long hours of mind numbing pain.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing in 2005.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Watermelon

Occupation Civil Engineer

Canoe # 86

Sponsor 1 The Trophy Trolley of Traverse City

Sponsor 2 Treasure Title Service

Competitor Lisa Tambussi

Age 44

City Montgomery

State/Province MA

Marathons 3

Best Finish 15th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The paddling community and the Marathon are all wonderful organizers and volunteers.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? My first Marathon race and the 2001 mixed race against Tom and Connie Cannon.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Ritzbits

Occupation Tech Support Analyst

Competitor Amy Solak

Age 43

City Traverse City

State/Province MI

Marathons 8

Best Finish 18th

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Paddling with my father and growing up watching it.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing it with my father.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Cold Mac and Cheese. Yum!!

Occupation Executive Secretary for State of Michigan.

Canoe # 87

Sponsor 1 Northland Area Federal Credit Union

Sponsor 2 Sleep Well Massage Therapy / Gary and Sandy Hasson

Competitor Ryan Halstead

Age 21

City Grayling

State/Province MI

Marathons 6

Best Finish 2nd

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The challenge of the race.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing 2nd in the 2006 Marathon.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Mayonaise & pickle sandwich

Occupation Appliance Technical/ Delivery Driver

Competitor Rodney Halstead

Age 23

City Grayling

State/Province MI

Marathons 6

Best Finish 2nd

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The beauty of the AuSable River.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing 2nd in the 2006 Marathon.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Cheeseburger at Foote Dam.

Occupation Appliance Technical/ Delivery Driver

Canoe # 88

Sponsor 1 Waters Edge Canoe Livery

Sponsor 2 McLeans Ace Hardware

Competitor Tony Medina

Age 17

City Roscommon

State/Province MI

Marathons 1

Best Finish DNF

What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The river and the challenge.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? I try not to remember anything.

What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?

Occupation Student

Competitor Jay Winchert

Age 16

City Grayling

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What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Long canoe race.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Getting my canoe pinned under a tree.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation RN and Fire Officer

Canoe # 94
Sponsor 1 Two Track Inn Sponsor 2 Lines and Designs Lettering
Competitor Ted Smutek Age 39
City Luzerne State/Province MI
Marathons 9 Best Finish 11th
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Father paddling the Marathon.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience?
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Pizza and a Kathy Manizza mix
Occupation Owner of Big Creek Bump and Paint
Competitor Brittany Smutek Age 18
City Luzerne State/Province MI
Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? My entire family races so I figured it was my turn to carry on the tradition. I also wanted to do this with my father before I left for college.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Watching my dad race for the past 10 years has been very memorable for me.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Pizza
Occupation Student

Canoe # 95
Sponsor 1 BDO Seidman, LLP Sponsor 2 Alcona Canoes
Competitor Travis Harrison Age 26
City Clare State/Province MI
Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The excitement of the Marathon.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Watching the finish.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation CPA
Competitor Brad Reed Age 26
City Alanson State/Province MI
Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Partner friendship and I enjoy the river.

What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Watching the start of the Marathon.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation Teacher

Canoe # 96
Sponsor 1 Jade Tool Inc. Sponsor 2 Mariana's Digital Creations
Competitor Chris Kucharek Age 29
City Grayling State/Province MI
Marathons 5 Best Finish 24th
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Family tradition and staying in shape.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing 24th and 3 minutes behind my Uncle Hank's best time.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Arby's at the finishline
Occupation Middle School Teacher
Competitor Rich Kent Age 55
City Rockford State/Province MI
Marathons 1 Best Finish 2nd AM
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? My brother Jack Kent
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Finishing my 1st Marathon with my brother Dave.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Long John
Occupation Plant Manager

Canoe # 97
Sponsor 1 Luc Pruneau Sponsor 2
Competitor Luc Pruneau Age 36
City Shawinigan State/Province Quebec
Marathons 0 Best Finish N/A
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon?
What is your most memorable Marathon experience?
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation
Competitor Francois Dagenais Age 41
City Shawinigan State/Province Quebec
Marathons 3 Best Finish 11th
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon?
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? I like to paddle and the challenge.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation

Canoe # 98
Sponsor 1 Lone Pine Restaurant Sponsor 2 World of Floors
Competitor Joey Frost Age 16
City Grayling State/Province MI
Marathons 1 Best Finish DNF
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Watching it
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? In 2007 Marathon how many people watch and help.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Animal crackers.
Occupation Student
Competitor Randy Allison Age 35
City Grayling State/Province MI
Marathons 1 Best Finish DNF
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? Watching it for many years.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? During the 2007 Marathon people you don't even know help and realize how many people watch the race.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Potatoes
Occupation Truck Driver

Canoe # 99
Sponsor 1 IS Video Sponsor 2
Competitor Rejean Huard Age 66
City Shawinigan State/Province Quebec
Marathons 8 Best Finish 54th
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? The challenge to paddle at night.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? The year of the fog in 2004.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling? Nothing special.
Occupation Executive Director, La Classique
Competitor Justin Griffith Age 36
City Oscoda State/Province MI
Marathons 1 Best Finish DNF
What attracted you to canoe racing and the Marathon? My family has been involved in the Marathon since it began.
What is your most memorable Marathon experience? Duct taping my canoe while standing in mud up to my knees, video taping the 2005 Marathon.
What is the oddest thing you eat while paddling?
Occupation Arborist

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0	Janet Bradford	63	Lapeer	MI	22	Colin Hunter	27	Grayling	MI	46	John Lucey	44	Grayling	MI	78	Michael Schlimmer	21	Cortland	NY
0	Robert Bradford	65	Lapeer	MI	23	Ashley Marsh	31	Mio	MI	46	Cheryl Lucey	46	Grayling	MI	79	Doug Moggo	46	Grayling	MI
1	Andrew Trebold	32	Spring Arbor	MI	23	Brad Wilson	26	Rockford	MI	47	Carina Peritore	30	Somerville	MA	79	Josh Moggo	16	Grayling	MI
1	Steve Lajole	32	Mirabel	Quebec	24	Justin Denno	19	Grayling	MI	47	Jeff Defeo	53	Chester	MA	80	Bill Smutek	40	Luzerne	MI
2	Barb Bradley	51	Wausau	WI	24	Jordan Wakeley	18	Grayling	MI	48	Daniel Robinson	39	Arlington	MA	80	Jim Mangutz	44	Mio	MI
2	Allen Limberg	59	Wausau	WI	26	Joe Pollock	49	Edmore	MI	48	Ray Quick	53	Millington	MI	81	Tony Short	44	Indian River	MI
3	Joe Shaw	53	Worthington	MA	26	Troy Harrison	24	Freeland	MI	49	Ray Trudgeon	26	East Lansing	MI	81	Brad Bauer	34	Seattle	WA
3	Josh Sheldon	27	Pottsville	MI	27	Dwight Walker	54	Marshall	MI	49	Matt Rudnitsky	21	Gilbertsville	NY	83	Shawn Koo	54	Leavenworth	WA
6	Don Brooks	39	Beavertown	MI	27	Bill Kanost	56	Valparaiso	IN	51	Brenda Bowie	42	Shelburne Falls	MA	83	Ray Bauer	51	Cincinnati	OH
6	Steve Bis	39	Sarnford	MI	28	Vicki Cummings	46	Meriden	CT	51	Neil LeBlanc	59	Athol	MA	84	Garth Greenan	53	Traverse City	MI
7	John Langstaff	21	Twining	MI	28	Del Cummings	50	Meriden	CT	53	Martin Spees	38	Flint	MI	84	Nathan Winkler	36	Interlochen	MI
7	Kevin Ornatowski	50	Tawas City	MI	29	Jerry Killingbeck	39	East Tawas	MI	53	Dave Lowe	17	Grayling	MI	86	Arny Solak	43	Traverse City	MI
8	Nick Walton	34	Hastlet	MI	29	Ted Matthews	43	East Tawas	MI	54	Connie Cannon	47	East Lansing	MI	86	Lisa Tambussi	44	Montgomery	MA
8	Pete Moad	27	Traverse City	MI	30	Lee Jarpey	65	Minneapolis	MN	54	Lynne Witte	54	Mt. Clemens	MI	87	Ryan Halstead	21	Grayling	MI
9	Al Whiting Sr.	83	Mio	MI	30	Keith Canby	67	Andover	MN	56	Brandon Pollen	17	Ara	MO	87	Rodney Halstead	23	Grayling	MI
9	Sean Casey	29	Mt Pleasant	MI	31	Jo Harberts	48	Minneapolis	MN	56	Daniel Goss	15	Roscommon	MI	88	Jay Winchert	16	Grayling	MI
11	Rick Joy	49	Silverwood	MI	31	Joe Dunalsky	48	Randall	MN	58	Timothy McClure	49	Roscommon	MI	88	Tony Medina	17	Roscommon	MI
11	Brad Gross	39	Pincinnig	MI	32	Julie Janish	17	Whittemore Lake	MI	58	Ryan McClure	18	Roscommon	MI	89	Matt Streib	44	Bristol	IN
12	Real Carriere	24	Gribelands House	Saskatchewan	32	Jeff Janish	45	Whittemore Lake	MI	60	Mark Blake	37	Whittemore Lake	MI	89	Steve Kolonich	36	Eaton Rapids	MI
12	Solomon Carriere	51	Gribelands House	Saskatchewan	33	Michael Kies	36	Saint Charles	IL	60	Jason Hatfield	30	Grayling	MI	90	Bob Smith	34	Roscommon	MI
13	Matt Meersman	31	South Bend	IN	33	David Kies	33	Manhattan	IL	62	Mark Koenig	50	Woodstock	IL	90	Cameron McClain	25	Grayling	MI
13	Josh Taylor	29	Grayling	MI	35	Nick Lyesluk	64	Orange	MA	62	David Timmerman	50	Debuque	IA	91	Chris Curley	23	Oscoda	MI
14	Matthew Rimer	24	Grayling	MI	35	Chuck Barter	39	Athol	MA	65	Frank Smutek	74	Luzerne	MI	91	Ryan Matthews	24	Oscoda	MI
14	Bill Torongo	46	Roscommon	MI	36	Doug Gillin	49	Adrian	MI	65	Brad Solak	18	Traverse City	MI	93	Doug Berg	65	Excelsior	MN
15	Tim Feldkamp	42	Ann Arbor	MI	36	Michael Garon	50	Washington	MI	66	Steve Watson	36	Onaway	MI	93	David Dahl	59	Maple Grove	MN
15	Grant Tally	46	Flat Rock	MI	37	Larry Frederick	58	Archer	FL	66	Jeff Rankinen	43	Jersey Shore	PA	94	Ted Smutek	39	Luzerne	MI
17	Eric Dittenber	30	Grand Rapids	MI	37	Dick Kloss	66	Hensall	Ontario	68	Steve Krantz	53	Hale	MI	94	Brittany Smutek	18	Luzerne	MI
17	Frank Taber	58	Lowell	MI	40	Fred Mills	53	Roscommon	MI	68	Joey Kinsel	27	Oscoda	MI	95	Travis Harrison	26	Clare	MI
18	Matt Hellebuyck	17	Grayling	MI	40	Joe Selfert	56	Grayling	MI	70	Joe Johnson	58	Menominee	MI	95	Brad Reed	26	Alanson	MI
18	Ryan Harris	17	Grayling	MI	41	Ellen Thompson	50	Lewiston	MI	70	Madelen Johnson	17	Menominee	MI	96	Rich Kent	55	Rockford	MI
19	Karl Wainwright	39	Oscoda	MI	41	Heather Compton	33	Roscommon	MI	73	Greg Nelson	51	Marquette	MI	96	Chris Kucharek	29	Grayling	MI
19	Rodney Matthews	53	Oscoda	MI	42	Jon Thompson	51	Lewiston	MI	73	Armin Lopez	35	San Ignacio	Cayo Belize	97	Luc Pruneau	36	Shawinigan	Quebec
20	Katrice Church	36	Roscommon	MI	42	Todd Van De Ven	26	Galesburg	MI	75	Chuck Ryan	51	Champion	MN	97	Francois Dagenais	41	Shawinigan	Quebec
20	Mark Church	36	Roscommon	MI	43	Luke Magnusson	18	Hastlet	MI	75	Bill Briggs	60	Manitoba	Canada	98	Randy Allison	35	Grayling	MI
21	Steve Leppard	33	Portage	MI	43	Tucker Heller	18	Hastlet	MI	77	Ray Wonders	47	Anchorage	AK	98	Joey Frost	16	Grayling	MI
21	Brandon Gerardy	27	Grand Blanc	MI	45	Shp Conant	47	Avon	OH	77	Ray Wonders Jr	15	Anchorage	AK	99	Justin Griffith	36	Oscoda	MI
22	Lee Barnett	27	Grayling	MI	45	Andy Tenbusch	22	Avon	OH	78	Benedict Schlimmer	19	Cortland	NY	99	Rejean Huard	66	Shawinigan	Quebec